



August 2021 Advocacy Newsletter

Washington's Vaccine Mandate for State Contractors

Governor Inslee has issued a vaccine mandate for state employees. The mandate applies to any person engaged to work as an on-site contractor for a state agency, an education facility or a healthcare facility. Contractors must be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18 unless they are exempted for medical or religious reasons.

Further info is available via the governor's [vaccine mandate proclamation](#) and the list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Contractors covered by the mandate include:

State agencies: all contractors working on-site at executive cabinet agencies of the State of Washington if the work is required to be performed in-person and on-site, regardless of frequency, whether other workers are present, or any contingent nature of that requirement, including indoor or outdoor worksites.

Medical facilities: work performed at a "healthcare setting" where patients receiving care are present. "Healthcare setting" is defined as any public or private setting that is primarily used for the delivery of in-person health care services to people. This includes portions of a multi-use facility, but only the areas that are primarily used for the delivery of health care, such as a pharmacy within a grocery store.

Educational setting: In places where students or people receiving services are present.

Those not covered include:

Workers who are present at a site for only a short period of time and have a fleeting physical presence

with others. Examples include contractors delivering supplies by truck to a construction site where they remain physically distanced from others on the site, refuse pickup or a driver for a contracted shipping and delivery service briefly entering a site to pick up parcels for shipping.

Recipients of funds distributed by an executive cabinet state agency, but where work is performed at a different physical location. Examples include vendors employed by local government who receive state funding, or subrecipients of the state operating independent offices.

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Work performed at a healthcare setting removed from patient care access. Examples include an entire closed wing with no medical services provided at the time of construction.

Work performed at a school or institution of higher education in a location removed from student instruction or services.



Verification

The proclamation gives state agencies, education facility operators, and healthcare facility operators the ability to require contractors to assume responsibility for vaccine verification and accommodation requirements.

To verify vaccination status, contractors must obtain a copy of, or visually observe proof of, full vaccination against COVID-19 from employees and submit a signed declaration of compliance to the owner.

Proof includes:

- CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card or photo of the card;
- Documentation of vaccination from a healthcare provider or electronic health record;
- State immunization information system record; or
- For an individual who was vaccinated outside of the United States, a reasonable equivalent of any of the above.



Clean Buildings Program Bulletin

Washington's Clean Buildings performance standard will be mandatory for all covered commercial buildings—defined as a building where the sum of non-residential, hotel, motel, and dormitory floor areas exceeds 50,000 square feet, excluding the parking garage area.

Compliance dates are determined by building size:

- **June 1, 2026** – over 220,000 sf
- **June 1, 2027** – 90,001- 220,000 sf
- **June 1, 2028** – 50,000- 90,000 sf

More info at the Dept. of Commerce's [web-site](#), including new information on paths to compliance.

AIA Membership Votes to Dissolve Regions

In June, at the annual board meeting held at the A'21 National Conference on Architecture, AIA membership voted to approve a bylaws change that removes the regions layer of the AIA structure. Washington currently belongs to the Northwest and Pacific Region, which also includes Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii, Alaska, and the Mariana Islands.

The approval of this bylaws change means that our region will go through a process of dissolving. The duties that have traditionally been handled by the regional organizations will move to state chapters. These include selection of a state representative to the National Strategic Council and representatives to several AIA National groups such as the Young Architects Forum, the National Associates Committee, the Small Firm Exchange, and the College of Fellows.

Our region has assembled a taskforce to tackle the processes that dissolution requires, and the work should be complete and ready for final approval by the annual meeting in September 2022. The future of the Regional Design Awards and the Regional Leadership Summit will also be discussed as part of this process.

If you have any questions about the dissolution of the region, please contact AIA|WA Executive Director [Tammie Sueirro](#).

AIA Washington Council Builds on its Partnership with NOMA NW

Like similar partnership work being done at the national level, AIA Washington Council has engaged with the leadership of the **National Organization of Minority Architects Northwest Chapter** (NOMA NW) to formulate a strong partnership, provide support, and share resources and ideas.

NOMA NW: Addressing inequality in the AEC industry

NOMA NW advocates for greater cultural diversity and equity within the design industry. The NW Chapter provides a platform where BIPOC AEC professionals and allies can work together to affect change within the workplace as well as within schools and communities throughout the Pacific Northwest. The organization operates on the guiding principle that positive change comes through the dismantling of discrimination, prejudices, and inequitable practices within the AEC industry.

NOMA NW empowers its members to thrive and grow through professional and community-based initiatives and programs based on the belief that an inclusive, equitable, and diverse industry makes everyone stronger.

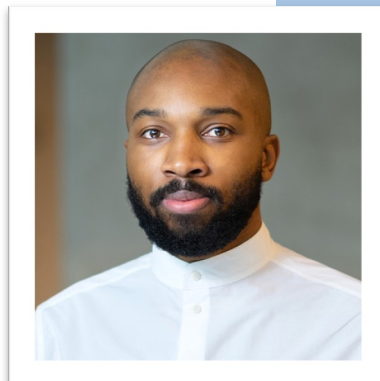


Advocacy at NOMA

In 2021, NOMA NW added an imperative around public policy, including the naming of a public policy liaison, Simba Mafundikwa Assoc AIA.

"We have recognized the importance of advocating for and supporting policies that have a positive impact on people and our communities. This is especially true for those who have rarely or never had their voices heard.

"Together with our members, the AIA, and the AEC industry, we want to make sure all voices are heard, listened to, and ultimately acted upon," said Mafundikwa.



Key initiatives

- **Call-to-Action Pledge**
NOMA NW invites AEC firms to pledge to its Call-to-Action, a protocol designed to help lay the foundation for the reconstruction of a unified and anti-racist architectural, engineering, construction, and design community.

The Call-To-Action is a guideline for firms to change their current practices related to supporting, recruiting and retaining, and promoting BIPOC individuals. The Pledge is voluntary and aspirational, unique to each firm's circumstances. Firms are provided with support in sharing of resources and providing forums for firms to work together to help create a more diverse building industry.

- Scholarship fund for high school seniors
- Workplace advocacy
- Student outreach



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Simba Mafundikwa Assoc. AIA, NOMA NW Public Policy Liaison

Inspired by his eclectic upbringing, Simba Mafundikwa approaches architecture and design with a diverse lens. He is most passionate about improving people's lives through design and believes architecture is the perfect profession to do so.

Simba's architecture education started in Zimbabwe and continued in New York, where he attended university. He is currently an architectural designer based in Seattle, where he has worked on multiple projects with GGLO and public installations for the Seattle Design Festival. Seattle has allowed him to explore his passion for improving lives through design, most notably on the **Africatown Plaza**, which is an affordable housing project that focuses on creating opportunities to celebrate the history and identity of Seattle's Black and African community.

AIA|WA Civic Design Awards Winners Revealed on Sept. 9

Our Chicago-based jury for the 2021 AIA|WA Civic Design Awards has completed its review of this year's submissions. This group of amazing architects brings diverse backgrounds and experience to this year's awards. Read more about each of them [here](#).

Winners will be revealed virtually on September 9 at 7:00 pm on the [AIA Washington Council YouTube page](#).

We invite our members to watch and join us in honoring the work of architects in our state. If you've submitted a project, we encourage you to invite your team and clients to watch and celebrate design excellence in public work!



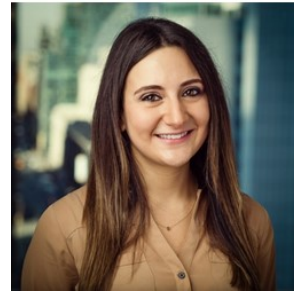
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AIA Spokane Seeks Executive Director

AIA Spokane Executive Director Stephanie Aden will step down at the end of the year—thank you Stephanie! AIA Spokane is seeking a part-time executive director to begin work in October.



This is an hourly position with potential for growth within the national organization. The position requires a self-motivated individual with good organizational, management, communication, marketing, and community/governmental relations skills. Read more about the position, required qualifications, and compensation in the [full job description](#).

To apply, send your resume and cover letter to AIA Spokane President, Ryan Zane, at office@aiaspokane.org.



COMPONENT EVENTS

AIA Central Washington

- 2021 AIA Central Washington Design Awards Gala: Oct. 22 [More info](#)

AIA Northwest Washington

- NWW Design Awards [Call for Submissions](#): open until Sept. 9.

[Design Awards event](#) Oct. 7, featuring Dr. Sharon Egretta Sutton FAIA, distinguished professor at Parsons School of Design, author of *When Ivory Towers Were Black*, and AIA Whitney M. Young Jr. Award winner.

AIA Seattle

- AIA Seattle [Honor Awards](#): submissions due Sept. 29, Honor Awards Live Event Nov. 8

AIA Southwest Washington

- AIA SWW Design Honor Awards: [Call for entries](#) open until Sept. 10; submissions due by Sept. 17; [Awards Gala](#) Oct. 6, Olympia Ballroom
- 2021 Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award: [nominations](#) accepted through Sept. 20

AIA Spokane

- AIA/CSI Annual Golf Tournament, Sept. 16. [Registration](#)

Embodied Carbon 101 Series

Embodied Carbon 101 helps AEC professionals understand embodied carbon and immediately apply that knowledge to projects to reduce emissions and get to zero carbon. Over 12 courses, you'll learn how to measure, manage, and implement practical solutions from expert practitioners including architects and sustainable building product manufacturers. Presented by the Boston Society for Architecture. [More info.](#)

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