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Jon Pickard and William Chilton Receive 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards from Iowa State University

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NEW HAVEN, CT — The Iowa State University Alumni Association has announced that Jon Pickard AIA, RIBA and William Chilton FAIA, RIBA co-founders and Principals of New Haven, Connecticut-based Pickard Chilton (www.pickardchilton.com) are recipients of the Iowa State University 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The awards will be individually presented at an official ceremony at the Iowa State University campus in Ames, Iowa on April 15, 2011.

"Iowa State has played a seminal role in our careers and we are deeply humbled to be recognized with this prestigious award," said William Chilton, Principal of Pickard Chilton. "It is a tremendous honor to be chosen to receive this award, particularly given the notable contributions of other alumni."

The Distinguished Alumni Award, established in 1961, is the highest honor given to alumni by Iowa State University through the ISU Alumni Association. The annual award honors Iowa State alumni who are nationally and internationally recognized for preeminent contributions to their professions or life's work. Only two other architects have been recognized with the award in fifty years. Past recipients of the award represent a diverse range of professions—from aerospace engineers, sociologists, and geologists to economists and US Senators.

"Since their years at Iowa State, Jon and Bill led impressive careers and created significant works of architecture worldwide," said President Gregory Geoffroy. "The work they have created since establishing Pickard Chilton is even more extraordinary. We are very proud of them."

"I believe the success of our firm is a testament to the diverse educational foundation that Bill and I received as Iowa State undergraduates," said Jon Pickard, Principal of Pickard Chilton and a native of Des Moines. "This award affirms the global impact Iowa State alumni can have on our built environment."

ABOUT PICKARD CHILTON

Pickard Chilton is an international architectural practice noted for its expertise in the design of large, complex buildings including corporate headquarters, high-rise commercial office towers, hotels, academic, and health care facilities. Headquartered in New Haven, Conn., the firm's completed projects include: 1180 Peachtree in Atlanta, GA; the CalPERS Headquarters Complex in Sacramento, CA; Wells Fargo Financial in Des Moines, IA, ConocoPhillips West Campus in Houston and 300 North LaSalle in Chicago. The firm currently has projects underway in Cleveland, Houston, Oklahoma City, Washington, DC, Calgary, and Kuala Lumpur. Visit www.pickardchilton.com for more information.

ABOUT THE IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1878, the ISU Alumni Association's long-held mission is to engage the talents and resources of alumni, students, and friends in the life, work, and aspiration of Iowa State University. Our vision is to become the lifetime partner in engaging all alumni, students, and friends with Iowa State University. Visit www.isualum.org for more information.