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ANTINOZZI ARCHITECT NAMED “40 UNDER 40”

STRATFORD, Feb. XX, 2007 - Antinozzi Associates announced today that F. Michael Ayles, AIA, has been named one of the “40 under 40” of *Building Design + Construction*’s 2nd Annual “40 under 40” competition.

Building Design + Construction’s “40 under 40” competition recognizes the rising young stars in the \$399 billion AEC industry.

Ayles has been a member of the Antinozzi team since 1994, when he joined as an architectural intern. Since then, he has worked his way up through positions of progressively greater responsibility, including Project Architect, Project Manager and Director of Operations.

“I am not surprised that Mike is one of *Building Design + Construction*’s “40 under 40”, he is talented and gifted in the art of architecture. He has an innate sense of design,” said Paul Antinozzi, President of the firm. “Since joining our firm 12 years ago, Mike has grown into an architect with tremendous vision, he is constantly seeking new ways to approach the creation of building design, and he has his hands on every aspect of the business and has become one of the most well-rounded architects and business man in this industry.”

Ayles received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1991 from Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI. He is a member of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA/CT) Professional Practice Committee, Founder/Member of the AIA/CT Emerging Architectural Community (EAC), and the Board of Directors for the ACE Mentor Program in Connecticut, among other organizations. Nationally, Ayles serves on the Advisory Group of the AIA Committee on Leadership Education.

Ayles has received many honors for his professional and community involvement and has been a popular lecturer and contributor regarding the development and education of young architects throughout the country. In 2005, he was awarded the AIA Young Architects Award and was one of the recipients of the *Fairfield County Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Award.

Ayles is a resident of **Guilford**, Conn., where he is Chairman of the town’s Standing Building Committee and Historic District Commission, as well as a member of the Board of Managers for the Soundview Family YMCA.

Antinozzi Associates, now celebrating its 50th year of business in the design industry, is a leader in the field of architecture and interior design services for government agencies, educational and religious institutions, public and private corporations, and retail businesses. The firm, based in Stratford, has provided hundreds of clients with innovative design solutions and superior personal service since opening its doors in 1956.

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