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INTERIOR DESIGN ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCE RELEASE OF NEW EDITION OF BODY OF KNOWLEDGE STUDY

March 20, 2006—The professional interior design organizations, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Council for Interior Design Accreditation (formerly FIDER), Interior Designers of Canada (IDC), Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC), International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) are pleased to announce The Interior Design Profession’s Body of Knowledge, 2005 Edition is now available to the interior design community.

The 2005 edition is an update of the original study, published in 2001 and developed by Caren S. Martin, Ph.D., CID, ASID, IIDA, and Denise Guerin, Ph.D., FIDEC, ASID, IIDA, of the University of Minnesota in St. Paul. The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) funded the original study.

The overarching goal of the study is to continue to define and document the interior design profession’s body of knowledge—the abstract knowledge needed by practitioners to perform the profession’s work—and to initiate and sustain a dialogue among educators and interior designers to document changes over time. This edition of the professional practice paper represents a "snapshot" of where the interior design profession’s body of knowledge is today. For the first time, this edition weights 96 knowledge areas to determine their levels of importance to the practice of interior design. The knowledge areas are divided into six major categories

1. Human Environment Needs
2. Interior Construction, Codes, and Regulations
3. Design
4. Products and Materials
5. Professional Practice
6. Communication
A PDF of the *Body of Knowledge* is available for download on the jointly
sponsored career Web site at www.careersininteriordesign.com and via links from the
Web sites of the supporting consortium of design organizations—www.asid.org,

The sponsors of this project make no claim that this study represents the
definitive and final word on the interior design profession's body of knowledge. All
feedback is both welcome and appreciated and may be sent to any of the sponsoring
organizations.

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**ASID** is a community of people—designers, industry representatives, educators and students—
committed to interior design. Through education, knowledge sharing, advocacy, community
building and outreach, the Society strives to advance the interior design profession and, in the
process, to demonstrate and celebrate the power of design to positively change people's lives. Its
more than 38,000 members engage in a variety of professional programs and activities through a
network of 48 chapters throughout the United States and Canada. To learn more about ASID,
visit www.asid.org.

The **Council for Interior Design Accreditation** sets standards for college and university interior
design education programs and conducts the voluntary quality assurance process of
accreditation. There are 148 Council-accredited programs throughout the United States, Canada,
and Qatar. To learn more, visit www.accredit-id.org.

**Interior Designers of Canada** (IDC), with the support of its seven provincial association
members, provides a forum for the unified voice of Canadian interior designers, so that the
profession continues to grow and receive recognition and respect, locally, nationally and
internationally, from government, industry and the public sector. To learn more about IDC, visit
www.interiordesigncanada.org.

The **Interior Design Educators Council, Inc.** (IDEC) is dedicated to the advancement of
education and research in interior design. IDEC fosters exchange of information, improvement of
educational standards, and development of the body of knowledge relative to the quality of life
and human performance in the interior environment. To learn more, visit www.idec.org.

The **International Interior Design Association** (IIDA) works to enhance quality of life through
excellence in interior design and to advance interior design through knowledge, value and
community. IIDA is a professional networking and educational association of 11,000 Members in
eight specialty Forums, nine Regions, and more than 30 Chapters around the world. Additional
information is available on IIDA’s website www.iida.org.

The **National Council of Interior Design Qualification** (NCIDQ) is an organization of regulatory
boards and provincial associations in the United States and Canada whose mission is to protect
the public by identifying those individuals who are competent to practice interior design. More
information about the organization may be found at www.ncidq.org.