IIDA PRESIDENT JOHN LIJEWSKI TO LEAD INTERIOR DESIGN EFFORTS FOR BANK OF AMERICA

May 9, 2005, Chicago, IL – John Lijewski, FIIDA, LEED AP, 2004-2005 President of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) has announced that he has accepted a new position with Bank of America to head up the Bank’s Interior Design efforts. In his position as Senior Vice President Corporate Workplace, Interior Design Executive, Mr. Lijewski will split time officing in both New York and Charlotte. The move is effective May 16.

In his first assignment, Mr. Lijewski will oversee the interior design work at Bank of America’s project at One Bryant Park. Located on the west side of Sixth Avenue, between 42nd and 43rd Street, the high-rise office tower is scheduled to open in 2008. Known as Bank of America Tower, it will serve as the headquarters for Bank of America’s operations in New York City, and house its global corporate and investment banking, wealth and investment management and consumer and commercial banking businesses. The bank will occupy roughly half of the 2.1 million square foot structure. Upon completion, the project will be the world’s most environmentally responsible high-rise office building and the first in Manhattan to strive for the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design® (LEED) Platinum designation.

“We are pleased with Bank of America’s decision to hire an Interior Design professional onto their executive staff; John Lijewski will be a great asset to their executive team. Bank of America has long been a leader in issues of sustainability in the corporate workplace, diversity, and support of the arts through programs like the Museums on Us program in the Northeast,” stated Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. IIDA, LEED AP, IIDA’s EVP/CEO. “This is another step forward by a progressive company in recognition of the importance of good design to the health, safety, and welfare of their employees, clients, and the public.”

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