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**AIA MISSISSIPPI CELEBRATES
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**AIA Mississippi invites the public to take a closer look at
Architecture with public events across the state**

In East Biloxi, Mississippi on Friday, April 11, 2008

Gulf Coast Community Design Center Open House

Time: 3:00pm- 5:00pm

Place: GCCDS office at 425 Division St. East Biloxi

The Gulf Coast Community Design Studio (GCCDS) is a professional outreach program of Mississippi State University's College of Architecture, Art, + Design.

GCCDS was established following Hurricane Katrina to provide architectural design services, planning assistance, and leadership to communities and organizations that are working to rebuild and revitalize low-income neighborhoods along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The mission of the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio is:

1. To work with non-profit and municipal partners to increase the community's ability to address housing and neighborhood development needs by providing design and planning expertise;
2. To provide leadership both locally and nationally on sustainable, well-designed, community-based redevelopment projects;
3. To educate students and train interns to work in community design.

Visitors are welcome to stop by the GCCDS office in East Biloxi, to pick up maps for self-guided tours of the GCCDS projects. The maps will indicate locations of the open houses, as well as locations of a number of other GCCDS and Architecture for Humanity projects in East Biloxi.

The GCCDS asks visitors to respect the privacy of the homeowners and observe these houses from the street or sidewalk only.

A small exhibit and reception will be held in the lobby featuring the work of the studio, with snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, at 425 Division Street between 5:00pm and 6:00 pm.

For more information and directions to the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio please Contact: Christine Gaspar, 228 435 7180 or visit them on the web at [Gulf Coast Community Design Studio](#) or Joe Blake at the AIA Mississippi office 601-360-0082

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