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DAS Commissioner DeFronzo appoints Chief Architect for State Construction *Expected to Provide Critical Leadership for Upcoming State Building Projects*

(Hartford – January 9, 2014) David H. Barkin, AIA, has recently been appointed to the position of Chief Architect for the State of Connecticut. He succeeds long-time Chief Architect, Bruce Bockstael, FAIA, who retired last summer. The Chief Architect for the State is responsible for developing and monitoring quality standards for new and renovated construction at the Construction Services Division of the Department of Administrative Services. In addition, the Chief Architect is the State's interface with the AEC (architectural, engineering and construction) industry in conjunction with the Chief Engineer.

Commissioner DeFronzo said: "The state's building program is diverse and encompasses a variety of facilities with differing needs. David's unique experience and depth of knowledge will be a real asset for us as we undertake several significant public works projects over the next several years. We were lucky to be able to bring in someone of David's caliber for this critical position."

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Barkin said: "This is a once in a generation opportunity and I am delighted to have been selected by the Commissioner to help guide investment in our public properties. I am looking forward to building on Bruce Bockstael's legacy."

David graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. He has worked at Cesar Pelli Associates, New Haven, and headed his own firm, Barkin Associates, Architects PC, for over 14 years.

Most recently, David was Principal at JCJ Architecture (formerly Jeter Cook and Jepson Architects), Hartford, where he established and led the Science and Technology Group; in 2011 he was named Director of Architectural Practice Standards. Noted for historic preservation expertise in the state, he has been an active leader in the architectural community both nationally and in Connecticut, serving on the American Institute of Architects' Connecticut Board of Directors and, since 2008, on the Connecticut State Architectural Licensing Board. He currently serves on national committees of both the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

David lives in Woodbridge with his wife Kathy and son Aaron.