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CAPITOL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF ARCHITECT

The Idaho State Capitol Commission announced today (May 7) the selection of Boise architect Donna Hartmans as the State's first Capitol Architect since the State Capitol Building was originally designed in 1905.

Commission Chairman, Roy Lewis Eiguren, introduced Hartmans during a morning press conference held on the fourth floor of the Idaho Statehouse. Joining Eiguren in the ceremony was President Pro Tem, Senator Jerry Twiggs; and Speaker of the House, Representative Bruce Newcomb.

The Commission also revealed plans for its official Website on the Internet, unveiled its marketing logo, and announced that it is working with the Idaho Community Foundation on its upcoming fundraising campaign activities.

Hartmans is the principal with Arrowrock Architects of Boise, and has extensive experience in historic preservation projects including work with the National Park Service at Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and associations with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Society of Architectural Historians. She was selected for the post from a group of four Idaho architects applying for the position. Her task is to assist the Commission in its goal to restore the Idaho Statehouse to its original splendor by the year 2005—in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its construction.

One of Hartmans' first objectives is to establish several statewide, citizen committees to help address many of the components involved in the restoration project. Contact Hartmans c/o Rande Trueax, Legislative Services Office, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0054, or at

telephone number 332-4832, fax number 334-2125, or via e-mail at rtrueax@lso.state.id.us for information on participating in one of the subcommittees.

To help finance much of the restoration work, the Commission will conduct a fundraising campaign with the help of the Idaho Community Foundation. Tax-deductible donations to the project, both monetary and in-kind, can be made by contacting the Foundation at 101 South Capitol Boulevard, Suite 1702, Boise, Idaho 83702 (332-3535)

Among initial projects to be done is the restoration and preservation of the First Idaho Volunteer Regiment Battle Flags, which flew during the Spanish-American War. These fragile flags are currently on display on the fourth floor of the Statehouse.