

Community Interface Committee

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The Community Interface Committee (CIC) was founded in 2009 as a subsidiary committee of the Chicago chapter of the AIA. The CIC is dedicated to increasing the visibility and participation of architects within community groups and non-profit organizations.

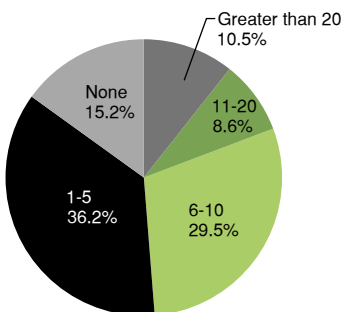
The Committee acts as:

1. A network and forum for exchange of knowledge related to public interest work.
2. A point of contact for community groups and non profit groups that seek solutions.
3. A liaison between the AIA and established pro-bono design groups.
4. Support for architects' involvement in civic activities.

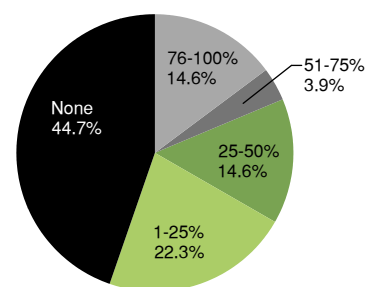
During 2010, the CIC conducted a survey of AIA Chicago members with the intent to capture the current local climate of how architects and design professionals are engaged in their communities, and to what extent pro bono services are offered in Chicago. The following are highlights from the overall survey results:

- Most of the respondents volunteer between 1-10 hours a month. Only 15% of those surveyed do not contribute any time to volunteer efforts.
- 20% of architects spend more than half of their time providing pro-bono architectural /design related activities. Over 40% of respondents don't spend any volunteer time on architectural or design related services.
- The most popular project types served by volunteering architects include community planning, cultural and education projects. Over half of the respondents have an interest in participating in design charette opportunities.
- Respondents would prefer to establish a sustained, long-standing relationship with a specific non-profit organization
- Respondents' top motivators for providing pro bono work include: involvement with collaborating organizations, social relevance, design opportunities and having a personal impact.
- Available time and financial constraints are the largest obstacles to providing pro-bono services.
- 75% of respondents would be more likely to participate if there were a database of community groups seeking pro bono services or a website with posted pro-bono design opportunities

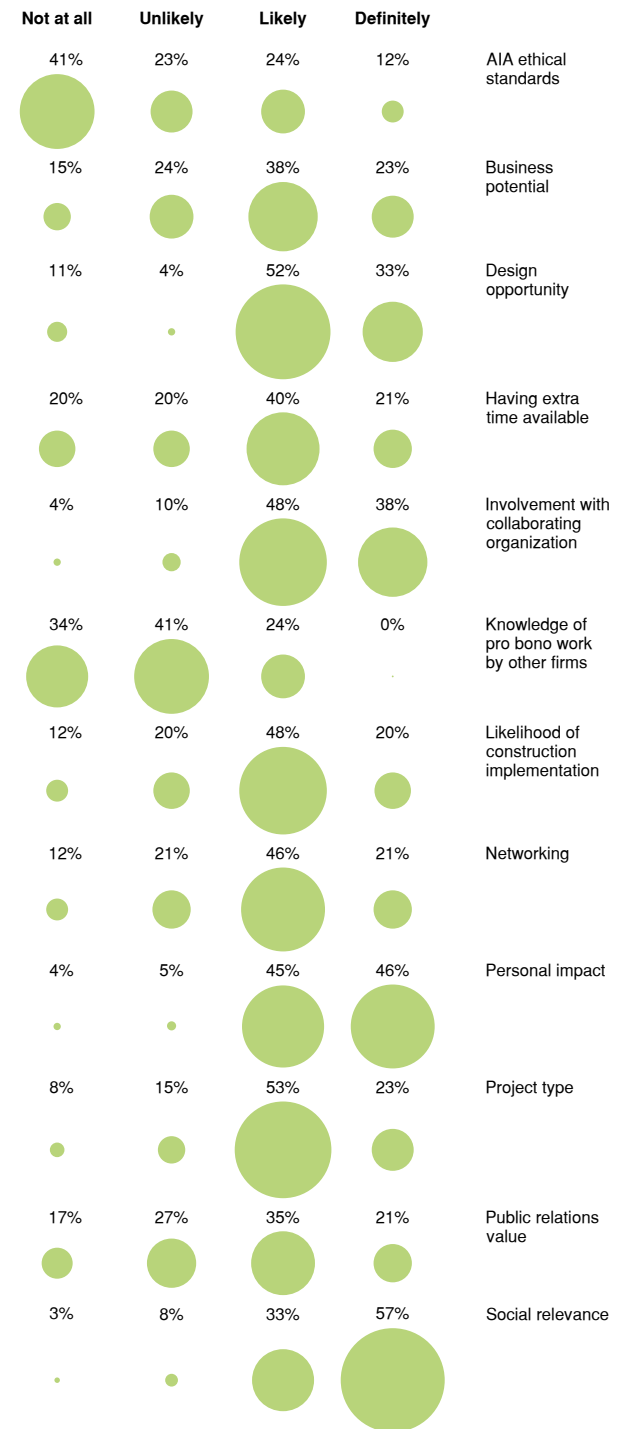
Hours per month currently spent doing community service/community outreach work



Percentage of volunteer hours spent on architectural/design related activities



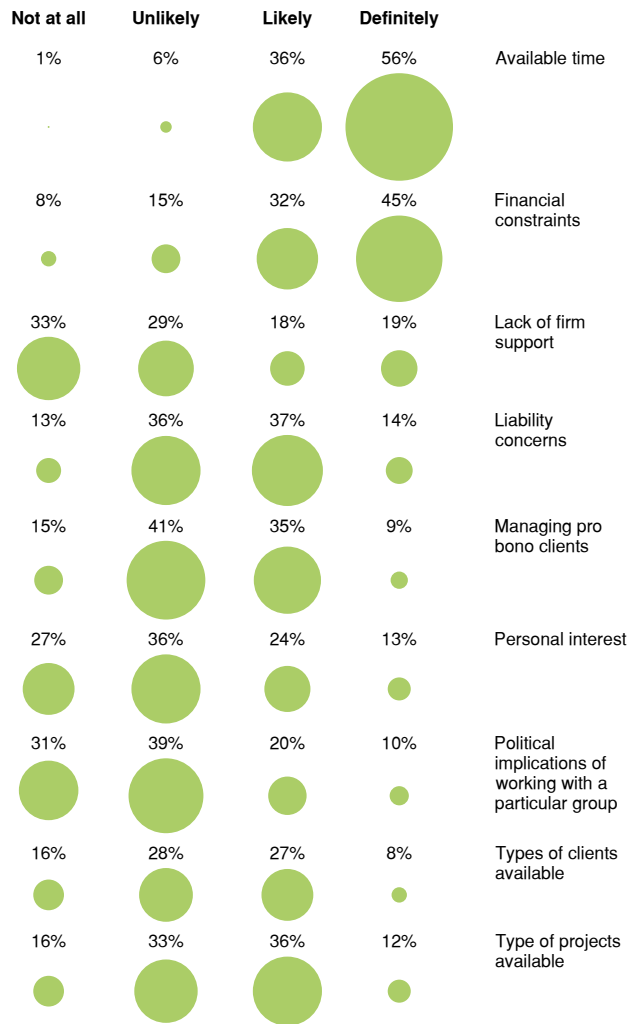
What motivates you to do pro bono work? (percent response)



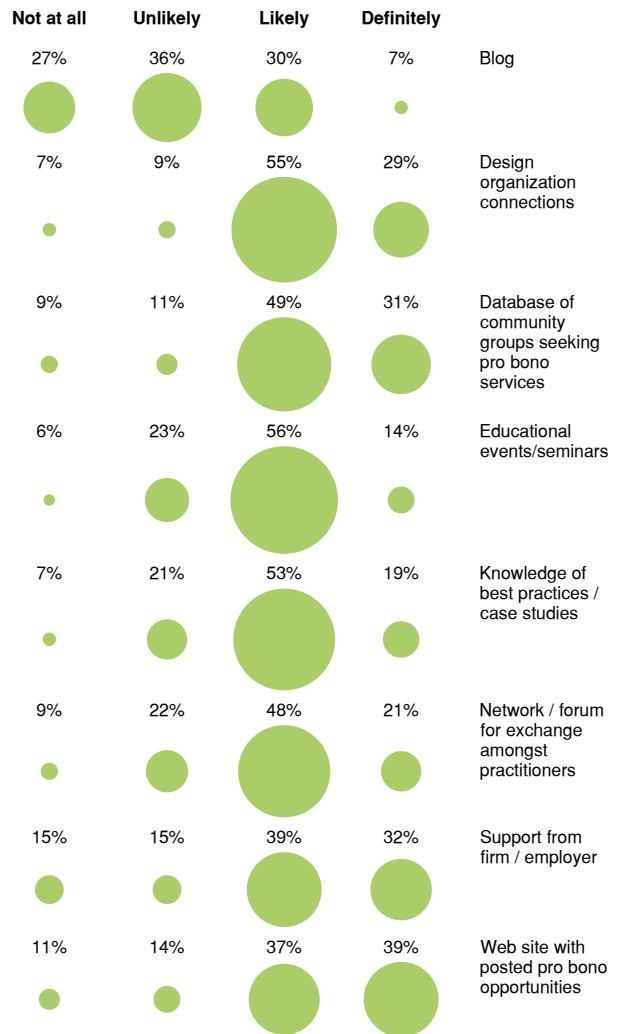
The survey results were used to help the CIC shape the programming of events and opportunities. The CIC has connected with established local groups including Archtreasures, Chicago Architecture Foundation, Architecture for Humanity, and Converge:Exchange to provide training and unique volunteer opportunities. CIC will continue to provide educational programming and participate in collaborative efforts.

Thank you to all who participated in the survey!

What limits you to do pro bono work? (percent response)

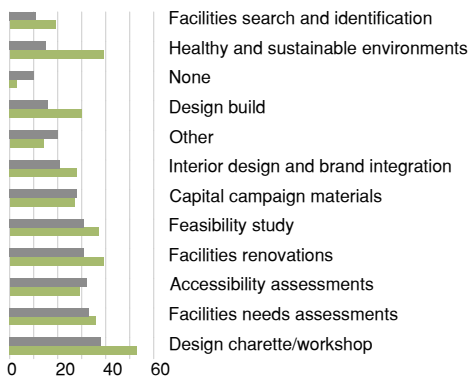


What would encourage you to do more pro bono work? (percent response)



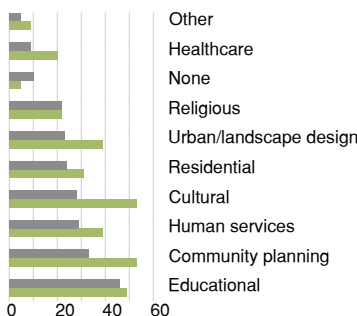
Types of pro bono services that you have provide(d) pro bono services for:

in the past or currently
in the future



Types of clients that you have provide(d) pro bono services for:

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Organizations that you have collaborate(d) with and provide pro bono services for:

in the past or currently
in the future

