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**Kerry Dietz, Principal of Dietz & Company Architects,  
Recognized for Community Contributions**  
*Presented with the Richard J. Moriarty Citizen of the Year Award*

Springfield, Mass. – On June 11, the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield (ACCGS) presented Kerry L. Dietz, AIA, with the *Richard J. Moriarty ACCGS Citizen of the Year Award* during its annual meeting at the Springfield Marriot. Dietz, who founded Dietz & Company Architects in 1985, is the firm’s principal.

Each year the *Richard J. Moriarty* award recognizes a citizen of the Greater Springfield area whose hard work and efforts have benefited both the business community and residents. For more than 20 years, Kerry has been active in community planning and championing affordable housing locally and nationally. She continues to work tirelessly with master planners, government agencies, civic groups, housing authorities and non-profit developers to promote affordable housing efforts in the Northeast Region.

In addition, Kerry has served as on numerous community boards and committees. Her commitment to the greater good of the City of Springfield and the region can be seen in her ongoing involvement with organizations that include the Springfield Planning Board, Citizen’s Housing and Planning Association, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Valley Development Council and Women’s Fund of Western Massachusetts. In her role as chair of the Springfield Planning Board, Kerry is currently serving on the Citizen’s Advisory Committee for the entire rewriting of Springfield’s Zoning Ordinance.

Kerry has also served her professional organization, the American Institute of Architects, as president of the Western Massachusetts chapter, the Massachusetts chapter and the New England chapter.

Dietz & Company Architects, the largest full service architecture firm in western Massachusetts, has a regional practice throughout New England with a portfolio that includes a variety of housing, education, healthcare, commercial and historic preservation projects.

Last October, ACCGS presented Dietz & Company Architects with a *Super 60 Award for Revenue* during its luncheon and recognition program at the Chez Josef in Agawam. ACCGS presents this award annually to the top 60 businesses in the region that contribute significantly to the regional economy. To be eligible, a company must be at least three years old and have produced revenues of at least \$1 million in the last fiscal year.

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