

CURTIS J. MOODY

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Award-winning architectural designer, Curtis J. Moody, FAIA, has had a prosperous 48-year career. Moody Nolan is the largest African American architectural firm in the country and the firm's designs have received more than 330 awards, more than any other minority architectural firm in the United States.



While founding his firm in 1982, Curtis J. Moody, FAIA decided to build it on a foundation of diversity of thought. Curtis has continuously challenged what once was the status quo and has created a corporate environment that is both inclusive and equitable. This allows the profession to have a full range of creative impact from all employees—no matter their ethnicity or gender. Moody Nolan has grown to over 230 employees and 11 offices across the nation. The firm's designs have won more than 330 design citations, including 49 from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and 45 the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA).

Curtis gained personal recognition with the prestigious Whitney M. Young Jr. award as an outstanding African American Architect in the United States in 1992. In 2002, Moody received the Distinguished Service Award from The Ohio State University. And in 2007, he received the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award just one year after Moody Nolan received the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm of the Year Award, making Moody Nolan the only firm to win this desirable award consecutively.

Moody Nolan continues to garner national attention by promoting “diversity by design” and was selected as the **2021 AIA National Architecture Firm Award** recipient, the highest firm honor achieved through the American Institute of Architects. Moody Nolan is not only the first Ohio-based firm to win this award, but the first African American owned firm to receive the recognition.

Curtis received his Bachelor of Science, Architecture from The Ohio State University in 1973, and in 2002, the University presented him with the Distinguished Service Award, being one of only three recipients that year. Following his undergraduate work at OSU, he went on to study Urban School Planning & Design at Harvard Graduate School of Design in 2000.