

# News Release

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## The American Institute of Architects Colorado North Recognizes 2009 Achievements in Architecture

**DENVER (Sept. 29, 2009)** - The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Colorado North chapter recognized its 2009 architectural design, honor and president's awards recipients during a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 25, at The Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colo.

These annual awards recognize firms and individuals within a nine-county area of northeastern Colorado for excellence in the field of architecture.

### AIA Colorado North 2009 Design Awards

The following four architectural design awards were selected from 23 entries submitted by members of AIA Colorado North and judged by a jury of architects and design experts led by Jury Chair Vincent James, FAIA, of Vincent James Associates Architects (Minneapolis).

<u>Award</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Architecture Firm Name</u>	<u>Project Title</u>
Honor	Commercial	JCL Architecture (Fort Collins)	DAT
Merit	Residential – Large	Michael Folwell Architecture (Boulder)	Rustic Knolls House
Merit	Interiors	HMH Architecture & Interiors (Boulder)	The Onyx Loft
Citation	Residential – Large	HMH Architecture & Interiors (Boulder)	Curton Residence

### AIA Colorado North 2009 Honor Awards

In addition to the design awards, six honor awards were presented by AIA Colorado North.

Architect of the Year: Stephen Loos, FAIA, Principal of The Mulhern Group, Ltd. (Denver)

*This award recognizes a licensed architect who has contributed to the profession and set an example in design, service and leadership to AIA Colorado North over a period of at least 10 years.*

Firm of the Year: Arch 11, Inc. (Boulder)

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Contribution to the Environment by a Non-architect: Wil Smith, Executive Director of the Estes Park Urban Renewal Authority (Estes Park, Colo.)

*This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by a non-architect in the AIA Colorado North region who has demonstrated exemplary achievements in contributing to the quality of the built environment.*

Contribution to the Environment by a Non-architect: Studio NYL (Boulder)

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25-Year Award: Hotel Boulderado (Boulder)

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### AIA Colorado North 2009 President's Awards

Finally, three President's Awards were presented by AIA Colorado North 2009 President Whitney Churchill, AIA, of The Neenan Company (Fort Collins). These awards are presented to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions in supporting the mission of AIA Colorado North and are selected at the discretion of the chapter president:

- Charles Fielder, AIA (Fort Collins)
- Arlo Schumann, Assoc. AIA (Fort Collins)
- Robin Hickey (Denver)

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In addition to the presentation of awards, a silent auction was held during the gala to benefit the Architectural Education Foundation's AIA Colorado North scholarship fund, which supports future architects studying at the University of Colorado (Boulder) School of Environmental Design. More than \$800 was raised through this year's auction.

### **About AIA & AIA Colorado North**

*For more than 150 years, members of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) have worked with each other and their communities to create more valuable, healthy, secure and sustainable buildings and cityscapes. AIA members have access to the right people, knowledge and tools to create better design, and through such resources and access, they help clients and communities make their visions real. AIA Colorado North Chapter is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of members from nine counties in northeastern Colorado, including Boulder, Larimer, Weld, Morgan, Logan, Washington, Yuma, Phillips and Sedgwick.*