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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****AIA Denver Announces Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Design-Build Competition Finalists**

**DENVER (Oct. 24, 2011)**—Earlier this year, AIA Denver partnered with CAD-1, Inc., to administer a design-build competition for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado. The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate selected to participate in this first design-build competition is Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity (Kittredge, Colo.).

The design competition was held in the summer of 2011, with the finalists announced in the fall of 2011. In the spring of 2012, Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity will break ground on a duplex for two families in Colorado, furthering the Habitat for Humanity of Colorado Mission to create simple, decent, affordable housing.

The competition was open to any licensed architect who is also a member of AIA Colorado, and teams of up to four people were allowed. Several design teams included emerging professionals (AIAS students and Associate AIA members (pre-licensed design professionals)). Eleven teams submitted designs to the competition.

The two finalists of the competition were announced on Friday, Oct. 14, at the AIA Colorado 2011 Practice and Design Conference in Keystone, Colo. There are two finalist teams. One team is comprised of Molly Blakley, Assoc. AIA, Alan Ford, AIA, Kathy Ford, AIA, and Matt Weaver, Assoc. AIA; and the second team is comprised of Adam Hillhouse, AIA, and Brandon Rutledge, Assoc. AIA. The two teams will meet with jury members in the coming weeks, and the finalist will be selected in November.

The winning team will be awarded a \$5,000 stipend to complete construction documents.

**Project Goals:**

1. To make sustainable design and building practices available to “the other 90%,” and demonstrate that sustainability is not a luxury.
2. To enable multiple organizations, AIA Denver, AIA Colorado and Habitat for Humanity of Colorado, to form a partnership for the greater good in hopes that other similar partnerships can form.
3. To create a sustainable benchmark for Habitat for Humanity of Colorado and Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity.
4. To highlight the value of architects in the community.
5. To promote the architecture profession and the value of AIA architects in the community.

For more information, visit [www.aiadenverdesignbuild.org](http://www.aiadenverdesignbuild.org).

Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity and AIA Denver are each fundraising to build one half of the duplex. Sponsorship opportunities are available, contact AIA Denver for more information. EVstudio will donate the required engineering (structural, mechanical, civil) for the winning design. GE Johnson Construction Company will provide cost estimation for the finalists’ designs. BCER Engineering will provide energy modeling for finalist designs.

**About AIA & AIA Denver**

*For 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 Denver is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado Component. This chapter is comprised of members from nine counties in the metro Denver area. The voice of the profession of architecture, AIA Denver inspires and champions its members as leaders in the design of the built environment. It is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component and is comprised of more than 1,600 members from nine counties in the metro Denver area.*