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### **Brad Tomecek, AIA, Recognized with The American Institute of Architects (AIA) 2012 Young Architects Award**

**Denver (Feb. 9, 2012)**—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) recently announced the 13 recipients of the AIA 2012 Young Architects Award. Young Architects are defined as professionals who have been licensed 10 years or less regardless of their age. This award honors individuals who have shown exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the profession early in their careers. The Young Architects Award will be presented to the recipients at the AIA 2012 National Convention and Design Exposition in Washington, D.C. AIA Colorado member Brad Tomecek, AIA, principal at Studio H:T, Denver and Boulder, Colo., was the only Colorado recipient of this award in 2012.

“I believe it is our responsibility as architects to push boundaries in research, design, process and execution, and I feel extremely fortunate to navigate these challenging times without sacrificing core values. I am honored and humbled to have a national jury see value in this investment in our profession both locally and nationally,” said Tomecek.

Tomecek also believes that community involvement, education and outreach are integral to his passion for work. He has been involved in and donated time to many non-profit organizations including The American Institute of Architects, Medicine Horse, Architects and Planners of Boulder, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, State of Colorado Technical Advisory Board, Feed Denver and the Urban Farm at Stapleton. Tomecek has found that it is this integration with local efforts that connects him to the important issues of the community and helps shape the future of Colorado.

For Tomecek, teaching is a sanctuary of unending optimism, exploration and discussion that reinvigorates and influences his practice. Through his lectures he seeks to inspire others and rally against the status quo. Acting as a guest critic for other instructors allows Tomecek to participate in a broader cross-section of academic exploration.

One can reflect on Brad's work and see a thread of thoughtful building practices based in explorations of new system technologies. Structural insulated panels, modular off-site prefabrication, shipping containers, insulated concrete forms and imported German prefabricated eco-panels have become part of his portfolio. Tomecek finds that these systems have the ability to save time while offering better energy performance and a reduction in waste that usually accompanies traditional building techniques. The reduced building timeline can be a huge benefit in a region with challenging weather and especially useful for hard-to-reach sites with short building seasons. In 2011, Tomecek was the recipient of the James M. Hunter, FAIA, traveling scholarship from The Architectural Education Foundation, AIA Colorado, which allowed him to further his research in this area with a trip to selected west coast projects and factories.

To download images of Tomecek and several of Studio H:T's projects, [click here](#).

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