

## News Release

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**Free Educational Activity Encourages Elementary School Children  
to Experience Architecture While Constructing a Box City**  
*AIA Colorado South Hosts Annual Box City Event*

**April 2, 2008 (Colorado Springs)**—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Colorado component South chapter invites elementary school children to help build the Colorado Spring's annual Box City on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Steele Elementary School (auditorium, 1720 N. Weber St., Colorado Springs).

Box City is a unique children's event that promotes an understanding of historic preservation and urban design by combining art, architecture, creative thinking, city planning, design, construction, fun and learning into one comprehensive educational experience.

Children will experience the design and construction industry firsthand by requesting permits, ordering materials, designing buildings and constructing those buildings into a cardboard city.

AIA Colorado South-member architects and design professionals will be onsite to offer advice and assistance to the children while building their structures.

Admission is free and open to any child in kindergarten through fifth grade accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is suggested for guaranteed entry and can be made by e-mailing Robin Hickey at robin@aiacolorado.org.

Box City is produced in celebration of Colorado Architecture Week (April 11-17).

### **About AIA & AIA Colorado South**

*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 Colorado South is one of four chapters within the AIA Colorado component. This chapter is comprised of approximately 150 member architects and designers from 18 counties in south and southeastern Colorado and includes the cities of Colorado Springs, Alamosa, Pueblo and, La Junta.*

*With more than 2,400 members, AIA Colorado, the voice of the profession of architecture, inspires and supports its members as leaders to improve and sustain the quality of the built environment. We promote the value of the profession and provide resources and education for members.*