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## **SAN DIEGO'S YOUNG ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

San Diego, CA... The American Institute of Architects (AIA), San Diego Chapter named the 2007 Young Architect of the Year at the annual Design Awards Gala in June. This year, the award went to **Lloyd Russell, AIA**.

Mr. Russell holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. Throughout his professional career he has produced multiple award-winning designs, including some through collaborative work with Smith & Others. Mr. Russell is currently teaching at Woodbury University and is the co-director of the MRED (Masters in Real Estate Development) program. Since 2003, he has also been an elected member to the Centre City Advisory Committee to the Centre City Development Corporation.

The Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA) program started in San Diego in 2000. Ward Thompson, AIA heard about other AIA Chapter's YAYA while president of AIA San Diego, and wanted our city to have a YAYA to call its own. Less than a year later, Hector Reyes, AIA was announced as the first YAYA in June of 2001.

Since then the YAYA has undergone several evolutions. In 2006 the YAYA jury consisted of a dynamic and diverse panel of architects from cities throughout California. The portfolios were submitted in electronic format and were sent out to the jury. The winner, Aaron Anderson, AIA, was announced at the 2006 AIA San Diego Design Awards Gala.

This year, the Young Architect of the Year Award Committee collaborated with the AIASD Design Awards Committee, and shared the same jury committee for both awards. The jury members included Angela Brooks, AIA, a principal at the Santa Monica office of Pugh + Scarpa, John Holmes, AIA, co-founder of Portland design firm Holst

Architecture, and James Richärd, AIA, architecture and design principal of Richärd & Bauer Architecture. In their selection of Lloyd Russell as the winner of the 2007 YAYA, the jury noted his already broad contribution to the community through his design, education and community service efforts. In addition, his “R3 Triangle Building” project was awarded an AIASD Honor Award at last year’s AIASD Design Awards. The jury felt that this was a sign of even greater things to come.

Juror James Richärd, AIA remarked, “Lloyd’s commitment to teaching and participation in community organizations sets an example for other young architects to follow.”

Juror Angela Brooks said the following, “It’s not like any fire station we’ve ever seen. It not only looks like a place you’d want to work and sleep but a building that you’d choose to live in. It is an intriguing urban solution, particularly impressive for some of its environmental principles.”

James Richard commented, “To see something so different and forward thinking in the traditional context of a traditional fire station [program] is refreshing.”

Another YAYA highlight was the 2006 YAYA, Aaron Anderson, AIA of Studio: Anderson Inc. was awarded an AIASD Citation Award in the Un-Built Category for his Bayside Fire Station Project.

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