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The Minnesota Architectural Foundation Announces Winner of 2008 Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship

Minneapolis, Minnesota – The Minnesota Architectural Foundation is pleased to announce Stephen James, Assoc. AIA, as the winner of the 2008 Ralph Rapson Traveling Study Fellowship. The purpose of the competition is to provide young architects the opportunity to advance their education in architecture by pursuing foreign or domestic travel-study. To assist in their education, \$10,000 is awarded to the winner.

This year's program, held March 6-April 11, 2008, was to design a mountain sports/activity center in the Afton State Park And Afton Alps Ski area on the St. Croix River. The first jury chose four finalists from among the 53 entrants including: Kendra Wilson Beaubien, Associate AIA, HGA Minneapolis, MN, Mark Stankey, Associate AIA, James Dayton Design Minneapolis, MN, Adam Mead, Associate AIA, Polshek Partnership New York City, NY, and Stephen James, Associate AIA, Kennecott Land, Salt Lake City, UT. The jury members were Joan Soranno, AIA, Martha Yunker, AIA, Will Jensen, AIA, and Nicholas Potts, Assoc. AIA. Each of the four finalists presented their design schemes to the jury.

James, this year's competition winner, graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Masters in Architecture in 1998 and worked for HGA in Minneapolis before moving to Salt Lake City, Utah where he is currently working at Kennecott Land. He has plans to travel to parts of Europe and Asia to study the impact of globalization on both modern and ancient works of architecture.

All of the boards will be displayed at the 74th Annual Convention and Products Exposition November 11-14, 2008, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Generous financial support helps to make this program possible. If you would like to make a donation to the Rapson Traveling study Fellowship Fund please visit the Minnesota Architectural Foundation's web page at www.aia-mn.org/foundation/index.cfm

The competition is open to individuals under the age of forty who are AIA Minnesota members; and have either graduated from the University of Minnesota College of Architecture and worked anywhere for at least one year; or graduated from any accredited architectural school and have worked in Minnesota for at least one year.

The Minnesota Architectural Foundation provides scholarships, fellowships, and grant to students, faculty and organizations which seek to promote the public's awareness of architecture and the built environment.