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4240 Architecture was awarded an AIA Denver Honor Award for their design studio located at 3003 Larimer Street, the second award for 4240 Architecture's creative workspace.

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Jurors noted 4240 Architecture's design studio to be "an exemplary project in many aspects." The jurors detailed the following for the Honor Award winner at the annual Denver AIA Award Gala on September 11th.

**Collaborative, Green
Design Studio Awarded
AIA Denver Honor Award**

"As an adaptive reuse of an existing steel foundry into a design studio, this project is notable not only for its esthetic energy and idyllic work place, but for the holistic approach to sustainability taken by creators and users alike. Described as an environment intended to 'foster the ingenuity and culture' of the design firm, 'it basically revolves around a large central clerestory space that has a delightful quality of transparency, connectedness and commonality of purpose. It is clear the main structure and many of its industrial components were kept in place- adding visual interest and a sense of heritage. Perhaps most notable, the firm has set stringent guidelines for sustainable operations and lifestyle, including bicycle usage, car-pooling, energy conservation and uses the building for environmental educational purposes. Not to mention a LEED Rating - Gold."

4240 Architecture's Denver studio thrives as a laboratory for creativity. "4240 is a trendsetter, just by moving their business into our otherwise forgotten neighborhood they have made a difference," says Tracy Weil, director of the River North Art District Neighborhood Association. As a pioneer of urban renewal in LoDo since the early 1980's, 4240 continues their legacy of stewardship by promoting the re-establishment of the RiNo neighborhood and stimulating its economy through the addition of their workforce. This fresh and contemporary transformation of the existing warehouse space shines

as the first architectural firm in Denver to achieve LEED™ Gold Certification for Commercial Interiors. Their continued engagement in the River North Arts District of Denver has increased collaboration, sustainable education and design ingenuity within the studio, the neighborhood and the community, winning 4240 the AIA Denver Honor Award - Built Interiors and the 2009 Workspace Award from the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts.

"A spirit of innovation seems to be imbedded in the daily operation of the entire workforce ... great design inspires creativity and 4240 proves it," comments client Mickey Zeppelin of Zeppelin Development Inc.

Background: 4240 Architecture is an award-winning team of architects and planners. 4240 designs sustainable, high performance buildings, community frameworks, and spaces ranging from entire neighborhoods, resorts, public and commercial architecture to interiors and private homes. Established in 2003, the firm's studios in Chicago [located at 42° latitude] and Denver [located at 40° latitude] comprise "4240." The firm is an effective, visionary team of professionals who are equally fluent in designing for urban settings and high-mountain properties – and for just about every context in between.

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