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EUA AND UWM RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD AT AIA CONVENTION

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) and the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee’s School of Architecture and Urban Planning (UWM SARUP) were honored with a national award from the American Institute of Architects at their convention in San Francisco on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

The award is for **Academic Program and Curriculum Development**, and it was received as part of the fifth annual **Technology in Architectural Practice (TAP) Building Information Model Awards**. EUA and UWM were selected for their efforts in establishing the Integrated Project/Building Information Modeling (IP/BIM) Studio Program called “Craft and Computation in the Academy.” For more information this award, visit: http://info.aia.org/nwsltr_tap.cfm?pagename=tap%5Fa%5F0903%5FBIMaward

The IP/BIM studio was the first SARUP program to introduce Revit® BIM software, which is well on its way to becoming an industry standard. The tools, techniques and philosophy featured in this studio are intended to replicate Integrated Project Delivery (IPD), which is a holistic approach to designing and building projects – an industry trend that has been gaining momentum in recent years. This studio introduces students to working as part of a multi-disciplinary integrated team while focusing on the modeling concepts and technical skills related to BIM authoring tools.

This Studio marks an unprecedented arrangement for UWM SARUP because it is sponsored by Eppstein Uhen Architects and integrates local industry professionals into the studio. In addition, facilitation/teaching responsibilities for the course are shared between EUA staff and SARUP faculty. Bret Tushaus, EUA vice president of information technology, and Tony Isenhoff, EUA design applications specialist, teach and facilitate a 3-credit workshop course. UWM professors James Dicker and Gil Snyder facilitate a 6-credit studio course. Several non-architect building professionals also impart their experiences and expertise in relation to design and engineering. The workshop course and studio course combine to form comprehensive IP/BIM related experience and instruction.

Eppstein Uhen Architects also sponsors a corresponding technology lecture series at SARUP entitled “Computation & Craft.” A wide range of both local and national industry professionals speak on a variety of topics such as Integrated Project Delivery, BIM and related case studies. These lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, visit: <http://www.uwm.edu/SARUP/events/computation-and-craft.html>

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