

# Ward + Blake Architects Receive Wyoming AIA Award of Excellence

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*Firm's eco-friendly rammed earth structure garners top honors*



Jackson, Wyoming—October 15, 2008—Ward + Blake Architects received the Award of Excellence from the Wyoming chapter of the American Institute of Architects in the “Built” category for the TK Pad—the first residential construction using the firm’s patented, seismically stable, rammed earth construction. Perched on a hillside overlooking the Snake River, the 3,000 square foot energy-efficient home blends easily into its surroundings, incorporating materials mined from the site along with gravel pit by-products.

“We are honored to receive this recognition from AIA and the esteemed jury of judges,” says principal Tom Ward. A jury of Montana architects led by John Brittingham, professor and director of the graduate program in architecture at Montana State University chose the winners from 53 submissions.

AIA Wyoming presents its design awards every three years, recognizing excellence in the design, planning and construction of projects located anywhere in the world that are designed by AIA architects registered and licensed in Wyoming. The program honors the

highest design standards in response to user requirements, site, context, climate and environment. Each entry – regardless of size or classification – is judged individually on the basis of total design merit.

Ward + Blake’s use of a ‘New West’ architectural vocabulary epitomizes the growing Western Modernism movement. The firm’s residential and commercial designs capture the authentic, independent spirit of the West while taking regional design in a fresh and modern direction. The firm is known for its award-winning eco-friendly innovations. For additional information, visit [www.wardblakearchitects.com](http://www.wardblakearchitects.com), or call 307-733-6867.

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