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Fentress Architects take home three prestigious design awards and Colorado Architect of the Year



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Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, San Jose International Airport and Curtis Fentress earn regional and local recognition

Denver, Colo. (Nov. 3, 2012) – The American Institute of Architects has recognized Curtis Fentress as the 2012 Colorado Architect of the year and acknowledged two of Fentress Architects most innovative designs. The Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine has won both the 2012 AIA Colorado Honor Award for Built Architecture and the 2012 AIA Denver Merit Award for Built Architecture. Mineta-San Jose International Airport Terminal B has won the 2012 AIA Colorado Merit Award for Built Architecture.

“We’re deeply honored and humbled by these awards,” said Curtis Fentress. “It’s a testament to the artistry and dedication of our teams. They’re the ones who turned these ideas into reality.”





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Curtis Fentress, FAIA

Awarded:

- *2012 AIA Colorado Architect of the Year*

Curtis Fentress' career illustrates how design excellence can elevate and transform the public's understanding and experience of architecture. Fentress' body of work is replete with projects uniquely appropriate to their communities – architecture with humanism at its heart, designed to stand the test of time. For over three decades, Curtis Fentress and his team have focused on designing enduring public architecture, applying the firm's expertise and resources to elevate the human experience in public buildings.

His buildings are keenly aligned with their environmental context, culture and intent. His design philosophy developed through work on Colorado projects such as 1999 Broadway, with its blend of modernist elements that never the less relate to the historic nature of the Holy Ghost Church with which it shares space; Denver International Airport, which quickly became a regional icon and one of the most recognized airports in the world; and vital life-safety work on the beloved Colorado State Capitol. In 2009, Fentress was the first and only architect to be inducted into the Visit Denver Tourism Hall of Fame, honoring the impact his projects have had on the physical, economic and civic landscapes of the region.

Under his direction, Fentress Architects has won more than 400 awards and accolades, including 80 awards from his peers in the AIA, and has won 34 national and international competitions. A Fellow of the AIA, Fentress and his firm have designed \$27 billion of architectural projects worldwide, visited by over 350 million people annually. He serves widely as a lecturer at colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad.





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Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine

Awarded:

- 2012 AIA Colorado Honor Award for Built Architecture
- 2012 AIA Denver Merit Award for Built Architecture

Located adjacent to the Salk Institute and UCSD campus, the Sanford Consortium of Regenerative Medicine serves five world leaders in life sciences research, including the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, the Scripps Research Institute, the Sanford/Burnham Medical Research Institute, the University of California San Diego, and the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology.

The client challenged the team to “design a building that will enhance communications between the best minds in biomedical regenerative research.” To create this “collaboratory,” designers shifted the typical lab plan and created open “research neighborhoods,” that come together in common use informal lounge-like spaces where chance meetings and interactions between professionals of different disciplines may occur. Private office pods for principal investigators are cantilevered from a walkway and external to the main building envelope, offering views of the Torrey Pines Golf Course, the historic Glideport, and the Pacific Ocean. On track to achieve LEED Gold certification, the project also includes a café, an auditorium, and an elevated terrace open to all the building’s occupants.

Location: La Jolla, California

Client: Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine

Building Size: 150,700 square feet

Completion Date: November 2011





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Mineta San Jose International Airport Terminal B

Awarded:

- *2012 AIA Colorado Merit Award for Built Architecture*

San Jose's Terminal B serves as the chief transit hub for Silicon Valley. Its elongated, high-tech form – a curved, perforated steel and glass façade – takes its form from a deconstructed coaxial cable, a technology on which the region's economy is dependent. Abundant natural light that filters through the perforations to create a pleasant, dappled effect on the interior that recalls the light found in the area's vineyards. Passengers move quickly from curbside to airside thanks to the terminal's natural order and wayfinding devices, while unique retail spaces and special public art installations allow passengers to pause and enjoy their surroundings. Custom-designed terrazzo floors, millwork, and casework create a visual and tactile experience unique to the terminal while providing passengers with subtle wayfinding cues. The terminal is the first in the nation designed to take advantage of the newly-developed Zenky Air Chair, a seating system that integrates both air vents and charging stations for portable electronic devices. Terminal B is also the first entirely new airport terminal west of the Mississippi River to achieve LEED Silver certification.

Location: San Jose, California

Client: City of San Jose

Building Size: 1,487,000 square feet

Completion Date: 2010

Fentress Architects is a global design firm that passionately pursues the creation of sustainable and iconic architecture. Together with their clients, Fentress creates inspired design to improve the human environment. Founded by Curtis Fentress in 1980, the firm has designed US\$27 billion of architectural projects worldwide, visited by over 350 million people each year. Fentress is a dynamic learning organization, driven to grow its ability to design, innovate and exceed client expectations. The firm has been honored with more than 400 distinctions for design



excellence and innovation, and in 2010, Curtis Fentress was recognized by the American Institute of Architects with the most prestigious award for public architecture, the Thomas Jefferson Award. Fentress has studios in Denver, Colorado; Los Angeles, California; San Jose, California; Washington, D.C.; and London, U.K. www.fentressarchitects.com

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