

AIASD Continuing Education Course: July 19, 2018

Course Title: RAW (Real Architecture Workshop) Dakota 2011 – The Hearth - Site Tour: 1 LU/HSW

Course Location: Custer, SD

Course Presenter: Paul Neseth, AIA, Locus Architecture President & RAW co-founder

Course Format: Location tour; Interactive

Course Description: *The tour will explore the local Custer RAW project “Dakota 2011 - The HEARTH. RAW workshops are architect/mentor-led hands-on design/build workshops for architecture students. Students participate in design, drawings, models and construction of workshop projects, with emphasis on real skills and experience, mindful design for built environments and an intense process of learning and doing. Real Architecture workshop believes that Architects have a clear opportunity and responsibility to be a force for positive change; An understanding of construction and the ability to actually build things significantly expands an architect’s value to projects. The site tour will feature the 2011 design/build projects “Dakota 2011 – The Hearth”. The site is on the 1000-acre Circle Z ranch of the Black Hills, three mile SW of Custer. The structure is a camp kitchen/dining facility designed to serve as a basecamp for a previous RAW project, the Abode – a sleeping pavilion for visitors.*

Learning Objectives:

By completing this course the design professional will be able to:

1. (Pre-Design; Design topics) Observe the structure’s relationship to the site, and learn how the facility interacts with the site.
2. (Environmental; Materials and Methods topics) Discuss how locally-sourced building materials were incorporated into the design, and observe materials that were taken directly from the site used in the construction.
3. (Construction documents topic) Review the construction drawings, and discuss the how architectural students benefit from experiential training, and hands-on construction makes them better, more collaborative architects.
4. (Health; Welfare topics) Discuss the project’s role in the Custer community as a gathering place that is useful, beautiful and environmentally responsible.