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New fire station by local architect opens in La Quinta

LA QUINTA — Spanish Colonial-style bifold doors opened recently at La Quinta Fire Station No. 32, the desert community's new four-bay fire station designed by *domusstudio architecture* of San Diego.

Featuring state-of-the-art technology and energy-efficient systems, the new station meets the needs of firefighters and also fits into the character of Spanish Colonial-style La Quinta Village, according to Wayne Holtan, AIA, a principal at *domusstudio*.

The San Diego firm has a portfolio of more than half a dozen fire stations throughout Southern California.

Among the features at the new fire station are bifold station doors, which open faster than traditional rollup doors.

The building features a two-story public entry tower that brings ambient light to the lobby and work areas, a staggered red-tile roof, recessed windows and door, a smooth plaster finish and exposed rafters.

The \$6.8 million project was completed on schedule and includes a 7,200-square-foot fire station as well as improvements to the neighboring City Corporate Yard, including a CNG facility and covered carports.

The station's design also features sustainable elements, including photovoltaic solar panels, insulated skylights, low water use landscaping, recycled building materials, an exhaust gas capture system and an "extractor" washing machine that removes poisons and carcinogens from firefighters' protective clothing.