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ON THE WESTERN EDGE of campus at Ohio State University, this 176,000-square-foot structure sits near the football stadium, business school, and laboratory buildings. The long, sectionally complex building attempts to engage its surroundings by "enclosing, defining, and confronting the spaces and existing buildings of this larger site," according to the architects. The interior of the building is organized around a vertical circulation path, leading toward a glazed volume holding the school's 30,000-volume library. Along the way, students pass by faculty offices and have views back down to their studios.

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CENTRAL IDAHO | OLSON KUNDIG ARCHITECTS

DESIGNED FOR AN ARTIST AND DESIGNER, this house in rural Idaho uses rectilinear forms and simple materials to create an elegant, spare composition. Worked on haltingly over a protracted, 10-year development period as the owner negotiated with zoning boards, both at her previous home and the new one, the design was pared down further and further until only essential elements remained. Built to withstand the

extreme changes in temperature in this harsh region, the house's steel frame, concrete-block exterior, and interior exposed wooden joists all portray the design's toughness and show the means of construction in their roughest form. Eleven-foot-high walls extend out from the house to create a long garden, where the client has planted rosebushes, grapevines, and fruit trees.