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Subject: Twelve Finalists Chosen representing 7 different countries for:

**Building A Sustainable World: Life in the Balance:
Global Challenge, Global Solutions!**

**Architects, designers, city planners, engineers, students and builders taking
leadership roles in Building A Sustainable World!**

**Twelve finalists from around the world have been announced by the esteemed judging
panel from the United States and United Kingdom.**

The Competition: An open international competition to design a maximally sustainable community addressing our Environmental Crisis!

The goal of the competition is to directly and immediately address the impending and current environmental problems upon us. Winner's works will become models for us to learn from and use as blueprints to actually rebuild our ailing communities and to be as prepared as possible to deal with extreme weather conditions.

Building A Sustainable World: Life in the Balance was announced June 2006 with a February 2007 deadline for receipt of the entries. Sixty five submissions were registered which encompassed over 170 people working individually or in teams including architects, city planners, engineers, students and designers from 18 different countries - Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, China-Hong Kong, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Spain, Thailand, U.K., U.S.A.

This was not a simple competition - it required deep thinking, intricate analysis, careful consideration regarding future generations - understanding the effects our actions today will have upon tomorrow, caring for our resources and beauty in the world, dealing with shifts in weather patterns which will affect agriculture - in short: the creation of a non-toxic environment that nurtures nature as well as ourselves.

Over \$22,000.00 worth of prizes and publishing opportunities.

Sponsorship: is from Autodesk, Inc. and Gibbs-Smith as publishers for "Building A Sustainable World: Life in the Balance".

The finalists are: Gall and Medek Architects and Team DES with the “Boonah Two Development” from **Australia**; Vinicius Hernandez Andrade and Marcello Henneberg Morettin of Andrade Morettin Associates with “Algae City”, from **Brazil**; Liu Di with “Seasonal Flood Threatened Community” **China**; Toby Kyle, Chris Cole, Kamineli Vuadreu with “Sustainable Urban Housing in Fiji” - **Fiji**; Vasileios Kiouis and Konstantinos Dimas with “Wall City Placed in the Netherlands” team from **Greece**; Phil Garlick and Sustainable Construction Team with “Tankers Converted to Village” - **United Kingdom**; John Manaves and Alice Kriegel “Redeveloping the Ninth Ward” - **U.S.**; Stephen Gibson and Team of Wallace, Roberts and Todd - George B. Bryant, Kyle Grading, John Keene, Adam Krom, Lauren W. Leatherbarrow, jamie R. Ober, anthony C. Okoye, Uogeshi Saoji, KaMan E Skinner, Devinder S. Soin, Michael J. Tweed with “Urban Kidney Project” - **U.S.**; Ilaria Mazzoleni, Yvonne Lau, Philip Ra, Sareen Proudian, Sky Milner, Harold Portillo, Amitabh Barthakur, Vanessa Zajfen, Shauna Price, Sunil Varma, Bungane Mehlomakulu with “EcoSystem Restoration: A Model Community at Salton Sea” - **U.S.**; Geoffrey Holton and Associates with “Suburban Renewal/Green Sacramento” - **U.S.**; Richard S. Levine, Michael T. Hughes, Casey Ryan Mather of Center for Sustainable Cities Design Studio with “Urban Model for Coal Country”- **U.S.**; and Junya Oishi with “Adaption to Climatic Disaster” - **U.S.**

The finalists will attend a symposium in Los Angeles to give live presentations of their before the panel of judges and audience.

The Symposium:

On June 8, 9, and 10, 2007 The RIBA-USA California Chapter and it's sponsors (more to be announced soon) will hold a symposium in Los Angeles.

Friday June 8 - Welcome Dinner/Event with keynote speaker.

Saturday June 9 - the presentations of the twelve finalists before the Judges and audience.

Sunday June 10 - announce the winners.

The location shall house an exhibit of the **entrant's** works. Also, specialized vendors within the “sustainable” movement shall have an opportunity to share their industry knowledge with us to help educate the public on how to acquire or understand products such as solar panels. We will be offering tables - very much like a mini-expo (very small).

The works submitted range from a level of beautiful, to exciting, to stunning, to amazing! The group of people that have entered clearly have knowledge at varying degrees and have a passion for contributing sound ideas and positive workable methods of building healthy, vibrant communities that are clearly supportive of nature and include comfort and beauty for the human population as well. The symposium promises to be a lively and impassioned discourse where we will all have something extremely valuable to learn!

Judges:

Sunand Prasad - President Elect of The The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Principal Penoyre-Prasad, London

RK Stewart - President of The American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.) Principal Gensler, San Francisco

Prof. Thom Mayne - Pritzker Prize Laureate 2005 Principal Morphosis, Los Angeles

Dr. Ken Yeang - author of “Ecodesign Instruction Manual”, Principal Llewelyn, Davies, Yeang.

Jennifer Roberts - author, published by Gibbs Smith, of “Good Green Homes”, “Good Green Kitchens”, “Redux: Designs that Reuse, Recycle, Reveal”

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The Competition Outline

An open competition to develop a concept for a maximum capacity sustainable community or an urban subdivision to address shifts in global climate, that have been so vividly demonstrated by increasing numbers of flooding and drought catastrophes. The community must be "off the grid", in other words as autonomous and self-sustaining as possible. And, beyond this, we would like to invite you to propose ways of making the community a positive contributor to the natural ecology. Alternative energy solutions need to be fully researched and integrated to identify advantages and to be realistic about risks and disadvantages. Our premise is that the sustainable community should start to reverse environmental damage and not add to it.

Giving something back to the Environment

The community can include new industries, which must be clean and considerate to the quality of life for future generations. We want to create healthy, vibrant, non-toxic communities with a positive relationship, respect and regard for nature and our natural resources.

Eligibility

The competition was open to any individual from any country. However, an entrant who is not an architect, must team up with an accredited (licensed or registered) architect from the locality of the submitted project. We also encourage participants to engage in teamwork with and between architects whether the entrant is a member of the general public, a writer, visionary, movie maker, engineer, city planner, designer or from the construction industry at large. Each entry must name only one person as the representative of the work, who **need not** be the named architect.

Prizes:

First Prize: \$10,000.00

Second Prize: \$5,000.00

Third Prize: \$2,500.00

Bonus Prize: \$5,000.00 - To be awarded to the entry that has demonstrated the most imaginative use of building information modeling (BIM) and Autodesk's Revit platform for BIM.

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