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Green
Builders

Houston Area Design Competition Program Summary

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OVERVIEW

The USGBC Natural Talent 2007 Design Competition provides an applied learning experience in the principles of integrated design, sustainability, innovation, and social consciousness; all of which are components of the LEED™ Green Building Rating System. Participants will compete in a local competition, the top winner of which will move on to compete for a national award at Greenbuild LA 2007. Awards include Green Building Scholarships as well as travel and registration to Greenbuild (<http://www.greenbuildexpo.org>), the USGBC's Annual Green Building Conference and Expo, where finalists' entries will be displayed and where final judging will occur. Greenbuild 2007 will be held in Los Angeles, CA, October 17-19, 2007.

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COMPETITION OBJECTIVES

- Broaden environmental education in the building professions within the university system
- To empower students and young professionals within the green building movement to become future leaders
- Highlight the presence, efforts, and initiative of students and emerging leaders in the green building movement
- Encourage the reduction of the dependence on fossil fuels within the building industry.
- Integrate students with esteemed individuals from the USGBC and green building industry
- Raise awareness of exemplary designs of future designers by displaying them at Greenbuild
- Utilize LEED™ as a guideline for building design and performance
- Recognize and award students and emerging green builders for their dedication, creativity, innovation, and commitment to sustainable design