



DESIGN BUILD CHALLENGE BASICS 2009 ►

The following describes **Design Build Challenge**, a three-day design and construction competition open to all disciplines, held in designated cities with exceptional needs relating to community design building.

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THE BASICS – ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DBC

- **How do we find Clients/Sites?** You will be provided with a list of clients/sites to choose from at the kick-off event on June 18th. In order to keep things fair, the specific Boston neighborhood and the potential clients will not be announced until the competition starts. At that point, teams can either select a client they wish to work with from the list or propose finding their own client. Any proposed clients not on the list will need to be located in close proximity to the preselected sites. In summary, teams will need to meet with a client to determine project scope, propose a design to that client, and construct the installation all within the 3 day time period.
- **What will the projects be?** Projects will need to fit within the code limitations established by the city of Boston. They will be small scale installations to avoid permitting requirements. These limitations will be described in further detail in the information package distributed to teams. Specific project type will need to be determined after assessing your client's needs and proposing a design solution. For reference, a photo of the winning project from New Orleans can be found here: www.designbuildchallenge.org/aboutTilt.html
- **How are projects funded?** Teams are encouraged to procure funding prior to starting the event. Clients will not be providing funding for the projects. Therefore, teams have a responsibility to address their clients wishes while creating a design that meets their budget and design intent. Projects will not be judged on the cost/quality of the materials used.
- **How are projects judged?** Selected jurors consisting of design professionals from various disciplines as well as community advocates will be visiting build sites on Sunday, June 21st to review designs and determine the competition winners. All teams are welcome to walk with the judges to see other projects. Projects will be critiqued based on design concept, design execution, material creativity, sustainability, level of community engagement, and ability to meet client needs.
- **Do I need to get volunteer insurance for the event?** All team members are highly encouraged to purchase volunteer insurance for the build days. Based on the information attached to the entry packet, insurance costs \$2 per person per day. Since you won't really be beginning to build until Friday, you can get insurance for the weekend for just \$6 – a worthy investment in your safety.
- **How do I register?** Email completed entry packet to info@designbuildchallenge.org by June 8th and pay registration fee via check or money order made payable to "BFA/Common Boston" on the beginning day of the competition. Each team member must sign the liability waiver and hand it in on June 18th to compete.