



DESIGN BUILD CHALLENGE 2009 ►the official design build competition

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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CHALLENGE

The Design Build Challenge 2009 is projected to generate many significant, useful, and considerate community designs projects while focusing on sensitive client-designer relationships & sustainability within a short period of time. Competitors from all geographic locations, levels of experience, and disciplines are encouraged to participate. Working as individuals or interdisciplinary teams, competitors shall design and install projects in line with the DBC 2009 mission to retain families living within Boston city limits. Project emphasis is placed on craft, creative reuse and innovative design response to the needs of a Boston community. Participants must attempt to accomplish their goal in under *three days and twenty hours*, the current unofficial design build world record. Scope, program and budget may vary as determined by individual project teams. Within the time limit, project teams must meet the following criteria:

- Identify a need and client
- Establish a relationship with client
- Propose design
- Fund design
- Build design
- Gather feedback on implementation of design

PLACE

The 2009 DBC will be held in Boston, Massachusetts with the goal of addressing the flight of families from Boston's urban neighborhoods. Due to the decline in Boston's inner city youth population since the 1970's, there is an immediate need to respond to the current exodus of families from the city. Out of the 100 largest American cities, Boston currently ranks 94th in its percentage of children, with significant impacts on the city's schools, social services, and neighborhoods. Hosted by Common Boston and Project Locus, the 2009 DBC invites anyone interested in addressing social, economic, and environmental issues to participate in this rapid three-day challenge to design, fund, and implement community design projects. Working in a Boston neighborhood with a local client, competitors will be challenged to find a design solution that will directly benefit families residing in the city and encourage engagement in design and the built environment.

The 2009 challenge begins on Thursday, June 18th at 8pm and runs until criteria are met. The jury begins reviewing projects on Sunday June 21st. To learn more about times and locations or to sign up, visit the DBC website to download an entry form and packet.

PRIZES

An independent jury, comprised of local community design authorities, will review projects on the third day of competition. Project success will be based on (but not limited to) community assessment of need, construction methods, and execution. The winning project will be published in a local design publication and the team will be awarded a prize during an award ceremony on Sunday, June 21st. Visit the DBC website to download event locations & maps.

REGISTRATION

To register, email completed entry packet to info@designbuildchallenge.org. Entrance fees must be paid via check or money order made payable to "BFA/Common Boston" on the beginning day of the competition. Waivers MUST be signed and submitted with entry fee to compete. Registration fees support program organization and event facilitation.

- 1-5 person teams: **\$50**
- 6+ person teams: **\$100**

The **Design Build Challenge** is a national design and construction competition that focuses on built responses to community needs. The challenge will give participants **72 hours** to create a design that encourages community participation within a dense urban environment. Hosted by Common Boston and Project Locus, the DBC is part of the Common Boston Weekend festival focused on "designing a livable city for families." This year's theme that addresses the mass exodus of families from Boston's urban neighborhoods will give competitors the chance to quickly create built projects that have a real **benefit** to **families living in the city**.

Teams and individuals from around the country and from all disciplines and experience levels are encouraged to participate. Competitors will be asked to work with to-be-announced clients and sites to find **design solutions addressing the social, economic, and environmental benefits of city life**. The challenge aims to prove that, even when created in just three days, an influential and sustainable response to a real problem can alter our urban fabric and benefit the community.

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