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Artist Gordon Huether offers his insight in the partnering of art and architecture. Good news for us to wake up to: ArchNewsNow is named one of the top 50 planning and development Web sites! There's another thoughtful commentary on the "limited competition" process for the WTC site. Engineers are still learning what needs to be done to make buildings safer. A \$500 million project goes up in flames just weeks before its official opening. Plans for Sydney Harbor include increasing natural bushlands by 50 percent and conserving or re-using most of the 400 buildings on the sites. Hopes for Millennium Village do not sound so promising. \$3 billion will - or won't - save Venice, depending on who you talk to. In a bid for new life for old tobacco factories developers will seek minority- and women-owned architects, designers, and businesses. Zaha Hadid - and her exhibition at the National Building Museum - get a rave review. Spanish architects seem to have an odd take on historic preservation. Everything old is new again for a commercial tower in Sydney based on a 1974 design...and much more.

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