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Four interesting takes on the New Ground Zero: Museum of Freedom a political ploy? – The battle for culture begins. – Are open competitions really open? – The invisible architect is really quite visible. – A U.K. housing study is sure to raise planners' eyebrows. – New urbanism is a good fit for downtowns. – Perhaps civic centers are not. – Several million square meters of new office space in Moscow will be very smart. – Dia:Beacon offers lessons for Cleveland. – Liverpool possible World Heritage site. – Birmingham, U.K. department store astonishes. – An architectural marriage made in heaven goes to you-know-where. – An impressive shortlist for a pedestrian bridge in Scotland. – Museum firsts in North Carolina and New Zealand. – Target offers high-style prefabs. – An architecture professor turned crime novelist writes a real page-turner (some characters may sound familiar). – A "lively little book" about L'Enfant.

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