Today's News - December 15, 2004

'Tis the season for calls for entries: ULI Awards for Excellence around the world; remake (and save) a Robin Boyd house in Australia; a search for elite women entrepreneurs (we know a few!); India plans a national design policy to make the country "a global design hub." Study shows a U.S. building boom in the making. Political winds don't ruffle McDonough's environmental feathers. Experts take on NYC's planned building boom. No slow-down in the building renaissance in Nashville. Penthouses and farmhouses high-end tickets for developers in India. In Australia, affordable housing designs win prizes, while Melbourne's Docklands developers stop believing their own hype. Dallas bans prefab housing (how forward-thinking is that?!). A colorful debate in store for bold hotel design in San Antonio. A contemporary sparkle for Chicago's historic South Michigan Avenue. Kansas City has been Safdie country for 25 years. An architect's widow shares her hard-earned wisdom. Grimshaw takes the reins of U.K.'s troubled Royal Academy of Arts. The Hungarian architect who helped shape Shanghai.

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Call for entries: ULI 2005 Awards for Excellence, now three separate awards programs...Americas, Europe (including Africa), and Asia Pacific (including Australia/New Zealand); deadline: February 18 - Urban Land Institute (ULI)

[Robin] Boyd House 1 Competition: Remake/Remodel; deadline: February 14 - Subaud Magazine (Australia)

Call for Entries: Fast Company's "25 Women Who Are Changing the Game" awards (U.S. & Canada); deadline: January 14 - Fast Company

Coming soon: A national design policy: would chart out a roadmap to make India a global design hub - Times of India

Study: Toward a New Metropolis: The Opportunity To Rebuild America: In 2030, about half of the buildings in which Americans live, work, and shop will have been built after 2000 - Brookings Institute

Cradle To Cradle To Washington: ...political winds don't seem to ruffle one prominent environmentalist: William McDonough ..."Republicans are very attracted to what we do." - William McDonough & Partners; MBDC - Forbes

Building New York's Future: Mayor Michael Bloomberg is developing 20 NYC neighborhoods to create new commercial office and housing development. Three views on what the city needs - Sandy Horlick; Brad Landier; Julia Vitullo-Martin - Gotham Gazette

Will ballpark make SoBro [Nashville] soar? Since 1997...more than $250 million in redevelopment...projects under construction or on the drawing board could push that number past $500 million - The Tennessean

Penthouses the buzzword in upward mobility: High-end housing — penthouses, independent villas and farmhouses — is now the hottest item in the real estate business - Times of India

Victorian minister promotes housing affordability: five winners of VicUrban's $50,000 Affordable Home Design Competition - Live Load Architecture; John Cherry; Anthony Styant-Browne Architect; Pleysier Perkins; Kimberley Panman/Shem Harding/Edward Running - Propertyreview.com.au (Australia)

Waterfront City looks at mothballing apartment plan: The imminent scrapping of plans for $1 billion project follows the recent axing of Lend Lease's Park Terraces at the Victoria Harbour Melbourne Docklands precinct - Propertyreview.com.au (Australia)

Dallas Bans Prefab Housing: At a time when the design media, along with a growing group of architects and design enthusiasts have been looking towards modular housing...new policy has generated waves - Architectural Record

Faulkner hotel plan to spark colorful debate: Bold design, financing are drawing attention - Kell Muñoz Architects; Arquitectonia - San Antonio Business Journal

Chicago gives Sportus Institute for Jewish Studies thumbs up on plans for new facility: glass structure a departure from the historic buildings on South Michigan - Krueck & Sexton [image] - Columbia [College] Chronicle (Chicago)

West Edge designer has longtime ties to KC: Kansas City is Moshe Safdie country more than I realized...was here a quarter-century before...[images] - Kansas City Star

What We Didn't Plan For: The first shock was learning that my husband was gravely ill. Then there was the lien on our mortgage and the lawsuit against his business. By Sarah Bartlett - John Petrarca - Inc. magazine

Eden Project architect to head Royal Academy: Sir Nicholas Grimshaw was last night elected president of the troubled Royal Academy of Arts - Guardian (UK)

Simple home of genius architect: Prolific Hungarian architect Ladislaus Hudec designed a multitude of impressive hotels, banks, cinemas, churches and hospitals in Shanghai in the early part of the 20th century - Shanghai Daily

Zaha Hadid: Topping Out Ceremony, Ordrupgaard Extension, Ordrup, Denmark

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