

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 Hornick; Brad Lander; 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 Pannan/Shem Harding/Edward Running-](#) Propertyreview.com.au (Australia)

[Waterfront City looks at mothballing apartment plan: The imminent scraping 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 Spertus 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

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