

Today's News - Wednesday, October 21, 2009

- Survey results: not every architect is on board to fight global warming (worth checking out some of the curious comments follow report, too - yikes!).
- Foley takes on "the other inconvenient truth: the crisis in global land use (it's time to launch a "greener" revolution)".
- Krieger calls for more individual responsibility: "individual decisions are as important to an ecological urbanism as greener master plans."
- Russell cheers two very different carbon-neutral projects that "clearly demonstrate that significant carbon reduction can occur using existing building technologies," not hypothetical silver bullets.
- The East London Green Grid initiative to create a network of open spaces gets a welcome shot in the arm.
- Minneapolis welcomes its first straw-bale structure permitted in years: a training, demonstration, and data-collection "garage."
- Woodman cheers Fretton's new British Embassy in Warsaw: "a declaration of what an early 21st century embassy can be...a building that speaks boldly of a commitment to a culture of openness and dialogue."
- Foster takes on a sliver of a site in Manhattan's Bowery.
- OMA wins competition for a new municipal building in Rotterdam that will be "a skyline in its own right."
- KPF keeps Pinnacle Tower on its plate, while offshoot PLP goes after the firm's Heron Tower ("according to reports").
- Asian projects are proving to be "a financial lifeline to U.S. architectural firms facing one of the worst markets for their services in generations."
- Chicago architects continue to lead the field in tall building design both at home and abroad.
- Anderton chats with CO Architects re: the "hospital of the future" (+ advice on "scarifying creations for Halloween").
- Jacobs takes on some of the "vexing questions about authenticity" in Buffalo's FLW buildings, both "original and reincarnated."
- Calls for entries: "Renaat Braem 1910-2010" Ideas Competition for the future of a social housing complex in Antwerp + 2010 IALD International Lighting Design Awards.
- Montreal picks a winner to design movable street furniture elements to use during festivals.

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The Wide Spectrum of Green: Think every architect is on board to fight global warming? Think again. In a survey...33% said skepticism about climate change was "common" in their professional network, while nearly 13% answered that global warming was "a myth." - Architect Magazine

Op-Ed: The Other Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis in Global Land Use: As the international community focuses on climate change...it is ignoring another looming problem — the global crisis in land use. With agricultural practices already causing massive ecological impact, the world must now find new ways to feed its burgeoning population and launch a "Greener" Revolution. By Jonathan Foley- Yale Environment 360

Crit: Greener by Instinct: Not just the concern of government panels and activist groups, sustainability ought to guide our everyday household routines...individual decisions are as important to an ecological urbanism as greener master plans. By Alex Krieger/Chan Krieger Sieniewicz- Architect Magazine

Carbon Neutral Now: Two new projects, at radically different scales, underscore the challenges facing designers who want to combat climate change aggressively...Dockside Green and Kroon Hall clearly demonstrate that significant carbon reduction can occur using existing building technologies. By James S. Russell -- Busby Perkins + Will; Hopkins Architects; Centerbrook Architects [images]- Metropolis Magazine

Extra £800,000 investment from the London Development Agency has been secured by the award-winning East London Green Grid...initiative plans to create a network of open spaces connecting residential and employment areas to recreation space. [images]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Project might bailout bale construction's image: A new straw-bale structure - the first one permitted in Minneapolis in years - opens its doors this weekend...Sunny Day Earth Solutions...has received a permit to construct a straw-bale garage that will also serve as a training, demonstration and data-collection site. -- Bear Paws Design; ALM Design- Minneapolis Star Tribune

First review: Tony Fretton's new British Embassy in Warsaw, revised to take into account increased security concerns, is a declaration of what an early 21st century embassy should - or at least can - be...a building that speaks boldly of a commitment to a culture of openness and dialogue. By Ellis Woodman [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Architect's Challenge: A Sliver of a Space: It is difficult to fathom at first why a famous architect with one of the largest practices in the world would personally want to take on a sliver of a building on the Bowery...But architects often say the possibilities of a building lie in its limitations... By Robin Pogrebin -- Foster + Partners [slide show]- New York Times

OMA wins competition to design a new municipal building in Rotterdam: ...Reinier de Graaf said: "The design for the Stads Kantoor is partly a building, partly an urban condition - a skyline in its own right." -- Office for Metropolitan Architecture [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

No role for KPF 'breakaway five' on Pinnacle tower: The developer behind the 300m-tall tower has scotched rumours Kohn Pedersen Fox is to be replaced by offshoots PLP Architecture on the central London skyscraper project...PLP has already launched a bid to take the Heron Tower from KPF, according to reports. [image]- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Architecture Firms Go East for Work: ...Asian projects are providing a financial lifeline to U.S. architectural firms facing one of the worst markets for their services in generations. -- Kohn Pedersen Fox (KPF); Frank Gehry; Gensler [slide show]- Wall Street Journal

[They Might be Giants: Chicago architects continue to lead the field in tall building design both at home and abroad.](#) -- DeStefano + Partners; Studio Gang; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM); Adrian Smith + Gordon Gill [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

[DnA/Frances Anderton: Healing by Design: You don't hear much about design in the healthcare reform debate but the way a hospital is planned may make affect the way you heal...the "hospital of the future"...Plus, advice on scarifying creations for Halloween...](#) -- CO Architects [images, audio, links]- KCRW (Los Angeles)

[Wright-ish: The recent restoration of the Darwin D. Martin House, in Buffalo, raises some vexing questions about authenticity...Buffalo's hopes for future prosperity are deeply intertwined with its Wright buildings, original and reincarnated...But where do you draw the line? By Karrie Jacobs](#) -- Frank Lloyd Wright; Toshiko Mori- Metropolis Magazine

[Call for entries: "Renaat Braem 1910-2010" Ideas Competition: generate a vision for the future of the director's house and the boilerhouse that form part of the social housing complex Kiel in Antwerp; deadline: November 30, 2009-](#) Vlaams Architectuur Instituut/Flemish Architecture Institute (VAi) / City of Antwerp

[Call for entries: 2010 IALD International Lighting Design Awards; deadline: November 27-](#) International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD)

[Shuko Montréal: Morelli Designers and Signature Design Communication win design competition for development of movable street furniture elements for use by festivals...NIP paysage \[wins\] an honourable mention. \[slide show\]-](#) Design Montréal / Ville de Montréal

[Market Research Strategies in Uncertain Times #4: Client Research - The Secret to Turning Prospects into Clients: If you carry on a dialog from an informed position, you will project confidence and immediately earn a position of trust.](#) By Frances Gretes - ArchNewsNow



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