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The San Diego Chapter of AFH : Building For A Social Purpose

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are inviting you, teachers, students, architects and designers, to partner up with Rebuild, the San Diego Chapter of Architecture for Humanity and the San Diego Architectural Foundation to design the classroom of the future for your school.

Students and teachers, here's your chance to tell the world what you need to make your classroom more effective. According to the World Bank, putting all children worldwide in school by 2015 will require the construction of ten million new classrooms spread over 100 countries. At the same time, millions of existing classrooms are in serious need of repair and refurbishment and will need to be upgraded. Meeting this need for learning spaces over the course of the coming decade will constitute, collectively, the biggest building project the world has ever undertaken. Let's get started.

This year's Open Architecture Challenge provides a unique opportunity for faculty and students to partner with design professionals in their local community to create a safer, healthier and more sustainable learning environment and win up to \$50,000 of funding to build or upgrade a classroom in their school.

If you are a design professional, chances are you believe you can shape the world around you. Here's your chance to inspire students with your knowledge and expertise. The chosen design will address the unique challenges your school faces in trying to provide smart, safe and sustainable learning spaces. Local participants will have the opportunity to present to community members, educators, architects and designers to raise further awareness on the importance of sustainable classrooms for the future.

Please visit the competitions website and contact Sandra Plaza at rebuidsandiego@gmail.com if your school or team would like to get involved. We are actively seeking design teams and school building partners to move this project along.

Competition Link: www.openarchitecturenetwork.org/competitions/challenge/2009

Video Link: http://www.orientglobal.com/OAC/OAC_2009.asp

Registration Deadline: May 4, 2009 Submission Deadline: June 1, 2009

Thank you!

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