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World Sustainable Building Conference to Showcase Canadian Design 2nd Call for Entries Issued to Canadian Companies

The Sustainable Building Challenge is an international co-operative process to develop new performance assessment tools and highlight innovative sustainable building design techniques. The Challenge will form a key part of the Sixth World Sustainable Building Conference (SB08) to be held in Melbourne, Australia, in September, 2008. This is a second Call for Entries to be considered as representative Canadian projects for SB08.

Canadian designers, particularly architects and engineers, commercial developers and building owners are encouraged to submit their projects for consideration by the iiSBE Canada SB08 Team. This group of volunteer professionals represents a wide cross section of the building industry. Commercial, institutional and multi-unit residential building types from either the public or private sector will all be considered for the Challenge, but eligibility is restricted to projects that demonstrate potential exemplary and balanced sustainability performance objectives as part of the design process. All projects must be of the highest architectural quality and projects submitted for consideration must have complete design documents and be under construction or completed prior to June 1st, 2007. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to one or more problems faced by the building designers that support the SB08 conference theme of "connected, viable and liveable" cities.

The iiSBE Canada SB08 Team will select three building projects from those submitted for full evaluation and presentation at the Melbourne conference. These projects will undergo a unique in-depth environmental performance evaluation using the SBTool, a uniform assessment framework maintained by the Sustainable Building Challenge International Technical Committee. Results of the assessment will form the basis for comparing and contrasting the selected projects in Melbourne. Up to ten additional projects will be selected and presented in poster format. The iiSBE Canada SB08 Team will take responsibility for selecting the Canadian submissions and supporting their preparation for the conference. It should also be noted that projects that have undergone a LEED[®] or Green Globes assessment will incur a reduced level of effort to complete the SBTool assessment since much of the technical information will have already been compiled.

The iiSBE Canada SB08 Team believes that the Sustainable Building Challenge acts as a catalyst for raising awareness of green building issues and stimulating demand for green building design and construction on a global basis. In addition to SBTool, SB08 will showcase a variety of other national and international assessment systems. Gord Shymko, Chair of the Canadian Team Project Solicitation Committee, states that "The Challenge offers a tremendous opportunity for Canadian designers to present their projects to a wider Canadian and global audience, and to learn about sustainable building design strategies and assessment systems in use around the world."

The World Sustainable Building Conference series is held every three years and regularly attracts thousands of delegates from around the globe. The event provides the opportunity for the world's leading technical experts and researchers to advance their knowledge by focusing on technical developments and case studies. Seventeen countries showcased projects to over 1,800 delegates at the 2005 conference, which was held in Tokyo, Japan.

The closing date for this second call for Canadian submissions to the Sustainable Building Challenge is August 17, 2007. Selection will take place in late August. Further information and applications forms are available from the Sustainable Building Challenge Website at:
www.iisbe.org/iisbe/sbc2k8/teams/canada/sbc2k8_canada.htm.

Information regarding the Melbourne SB08 Conference is available at www.sb08melbourne.com.

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