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for a small house that is affordable,
sustainable, and energy efficient.*

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RULES

Rules and Regulations laid out in this section incorporate all terms and conditions of the Competition.

The Competition is presented and managed via the website.

The Competition is open to all interested parties worldwide, regardless of age, discipline, or professional status, with the following qualifications:

- Finalists should be able to prepare construction documents suitable for the City of Houston's building and permitting purposes.
- The firms, professional partners, and immediate family members of competition jurors are ineligible. An employee of a juror is eligible to submit an entry if that entry is prepared without any assistance from the juror, including but not limited to, providing advice, materials, and facilities. See Anonymity below.
- Members of the 99K House Competition Committee are ineligible.

An entry can be submitted by an individual, a team, or a firm/studio.

REGISTRATION

Competitors are required to register for the competition prior to submitting their entries. In order to complete registration, competitors must submit a registration fee of \$99.00 USD. Registration will close at 5:00 pm CST (Central Standard Time) on Friday, December 14, 2007. Registrations sent by mail must have a postmark date no later than December 14, 2007.

Registration fees can be paid online with Visa or Master Card, or checks can be mailed (Registration). All payments are final; no refunds will be made to registered Competitors who do not submit an entry.

Upon completion of online registration and payment, competitors will receive a Registration Number. An email will follow with registration confirmation, the lot survey, and photographs of the site.

Please see Submission for detailed instructions. In order to ensure fair evaluation of all entries, competitors may only submit digital files. The registration fee includes the high-quality printing (150 dpi), mounting, and lamination of selected digital entries that will be exhibited at the Architecture Center Houston (315 Capitol Street) from October 1 – November 30, 2008.

Only one entry per registration will be accepted. Competitors who wish to submit more than one entry must register separately by the registration deadline for each entry they intend to submit.

The 99k House Competition staff will examine entries prior to jury review to determine whether each entry complies with the Competition Rules and Regulations and Submission Requirements. The Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston reserve the right to disqualify entries that do not meet the foregoing requirements. Disqualified entries will not be viewed by the jury and will not receive a refund.



ANONYMITY

The Competition is anonymous. Competitors are required to omit any identifying marks from their entries other than their Registration number.

The jury will not receive any information regarding the authorship of any entries submitted.

Competitors must not communicate with any jury member about the competition or their entries in any way prior to the official announcement of the winners. Any competitor or juror found in violation of this rule will be disqualified immediately.

Jurors are required to excuse themselves from discussion or voting in the event that they can determine the identity of a competitor.

FINALISTS AND WINNER

In Stage I, the jury will select three finalists, each of whom will receive an award of \$5,000, provided that they commit to continuing to develop their design through construction documents. The jury may also designate honorable mention winner(s), who will not receive any award(s).

For individuals, only the person whose name appears on the Entry Form will be acknowledged or awarded prizes. For firms or studios, awards and acknowledgements will be issued to the entire firm or studio.

Submission of an entry shall constitute and signify a competitor's consent to the use of his/her name, address (city and state only), voice and/or photograph for commercial, advertising, and promotional purposes without further compensation.

In Stage II, the jury will select one winner who will receive an additional award of \$5,000. The sponsors intend to construct the winning design and expect the winning team to collaborate in the construction process.

OWNERSHIP

Any and all materials submitted as part of a competition entry, including but not limited to drawings, renderings, photographs, photocopies, and digital files, shall become the sole and exclusive property of the Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston. All competitors grant to the Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston a worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive right to use, copy, distribute, translate, modify, display, and prepare derivative works of entries, as well as the right to authorize such uses by others, in any medium now known or hereafter devised, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, publication and exhibition of the competition. The Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston will make reasonable efforts to credit competitors at all times.

Rights to build the house based on the design entries are retained by the entrant, except RDA and AIA Houston shall have the right to further develop and construct the winning house design.

By submitting an entry, competitors certify that the materials and ideas submitted to the competition are original and have not been previously published. Competitors additionally certify and that neither their entry, nor the use thereof, violates, infringes, or otherwise conflicts with any copyright, trademark, or property right of any third party.

Competitors acknowledge that Rice Design Alliance, AIA Houston, and their sponsors may exhibit all competition entries in an online gallery, and a selection of competition entries may be chosen for physical exhibition and/or public display following the announcement of the winners. The Rice Design Alliance and AIA Houston will make reasonable efforts to notify competitors of any public exhibition or display entries through correspondence with the primary contact listed on the Entry Form.



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DISPUTES

Disputes or questions of interpretation arising out of the competition Rules and Regulations or Registration will be considered by the sponsors of the competition and their advisors, who will render a final determination.

The jury, by a majority vote, possesses the sole authority and responsibility to recommend winner(s) at the end of the competition. Any disputes will be resolved by the Jury Chair in consultation with the sponsors.

By registering to enter the competition, entrants affirm that they have read and accepted these Rules and Regulations. The laws of the State of Texas apply to and govern this competition; any disputes or claims must be raised and resolved in the State of Texas.