

## Today's News - November 16, 2006

Smart Growth Achievement Award winners offer lessons for us all. – San Francisco ditches 2016 Olympics bid, leaving Chicago and L.A. in the running. – Londoner's lean on Barcelona to learn Olympic lessons for 2016 (then there's that pesky budget thing). – Washington, DC hears the call of green. – Re: waterfront revival: if Detroit can do it, so can Philadelphia. – Gehry's Brooklyn plans get shrunk (and one of the towers "has been reduced to a brick-clad stump"). – A new team named to Calatrava's (now un-named) Chicago spire. – MoMA offers "OMA in Beijing," a 5 million s.f. "people-friendly reinvention of the skyscraper." – Hopefully, they're all studying proxemics. – King offers a column of odds and ends. – Brussat is spellbound by Celebration. – Rybczynski ruminates on the decline of architecture magazines. – We'll keep our eye out for RFP to make Saarinen's TWA terminal hum again. – Fears that the wind may no longer rustle through the willows of Badger, Mole, and Toad's River Pang. – Deadlines loom: RFQ for Cyprus Cultural Centre in Nicosia; visionary designs built of bamboo; and green designs for AIA/COTE Top Ten. – Top 10 green building products.

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['Shocked' S.F. group drops bid for 2016 Olympics: If 49ers leave city, there's no guarantee of adequate stadium](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Barcelona's Olympic regeneration 'a beacon for London': "Legacy and sustainability are the new tenets of the Olympic movement..."...costs are going to be "significantly higher" than in the original bid.](#)- 24dash.com (UK)

[Washington, D.C. Moves to Become Pioneer In Forcing 'Green' Construction: ...poised to become the first major city in the country to require that private developers build environmentally friendly projects...By 2012, every new commercial building over 50,000 square feet...would have to meet the guidelines. The rules would also apply to affordable housing.](#)- Washington Post

[Plans For Philadelphia Waterfront Coming To Life: ...if Detroit can do it, so can Philadelphia. -- Harris Steinberg/Penn Praxis; Alex Krieger/Chan Krieger Sieniewicz](#)- The Evening Bulletin (Philadelphia)

[Frank Gehry's Atlantic Yards Get Shrunk in NYC Review Process: The ensemble of buildings has the potential to transform downtown Brooklyn brilliantly, though its flaws, in both planning and design, remain considerable. By James S. Russell](#)- Bloomberg News

[Developer names design team for 2,000-foot twisting tower: ...structural engineer of record...will be New York-based Thornton Tomasetti...architect of record will be Perkins + Will...marks a switch from DeStefano + Partners... By Blair Kamin](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Embracing Koolhaas's Friendly Skyscraper: "OMA in Beijing"...if the five-million-square-foot \[CCTV\] building is one of the largest ever constructed, its architect sees it as a people-friendly reinvention of the skyscraper. -- Ole Scheeren; Office for Metropolitan Architecture \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[In Certain Circles, Two Is a Crowd: ...personal space and people's perception of it...Proxemics...helps developers, urban planners and executives in various industries understand how people move through public spaces, how they shop, even what type of restaurants they find most comfortable.](#)- New York Times

[What makes San Francisco stand out goes beyond the buildings: What defines the character of an enduring city? ...let's turn to "Great Cities of the World," from 1953. ...a good time to pause and mention that the California Preservation Foundation...annual awards...What about the shock of the new? By John King -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis; SmithGroup](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[In celebration of Celebration: Unlike the other showcase New Urbanist communities...It is not a theme park...yet another of those places whose mere beauty attracts a particular loathing from professional design elites, especially architects, urban planners and even preservationists...I was spellbound. By David Brussat -- Robert A.M. Stern; Michael Graves; Cesar Pelli; Charles Moore; Philip Johnson](#)- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

[The Glossies: The decline of architecture magazines...The public's growing fascination with architecture over the last two decades might have saved architecture magazines, except that they were read only by practitioners. By Witold Rybczynski](#)- Slate

[A Move to Make a Silent Air Terminal Hum Again: The Port Authority is seeking a second life for Eero Saarinen's Trans World Airlines terminal at Kennedy International Airport...will formally request proposals from developers interested in...renovating it and adapting it to new uses. -- Eero Saarinen \[+ audio slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Worrying wind blowing through the willows: Conservationists are racing against time to save the riverbank thought to have been the inspiration for Kenneth Grahame's much-loved novel...could fall into the hands of developers wanting to convert the area into houses if it can not raise the money to buy it by a deadline of Dec 8.](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Request for Qualifications: International Design Competition for Cultural Centre in Nicosia, Cyprus; deadline for RFQ: December 11](#)- Cyprus Cultural Foundation

[2007 International Bamboo Building Design Competition: "Visionary Designs for Ecological Living"; registration deadline: December 31](#)- Bamboo Technologies

[Call for entries: AIA/COTE Top Ten Green Project Awards: international competition but projects must have been designed by an architect licensed in the U.S.; deadline: January 17, 2007](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[BuildingGreen Announces 2006 Top 10 Green Building Products](#)- BuildingGreen

[New Jiang Wan Cultural Center, Shanghai: While the skyline explodes in a thicket of skyscrapers, a cultural center beckons to a new era of environmental concerns. -- RTKL \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Kisho Kurokawa: The National Art Center, Tokyo, Japan](#)- ArcSpace

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