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THE BASICS - ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CBCB 2011

What is the CBCB and how did it start in Boston?

The CBCB is a three-day design and construction competition that invites individuals from a mix of experience levels and disciplines to actively address social, economic and environmental issues through their participation in a rapid, community-based design-build quest. Common Boston Common Build 2011 is the second event held under this name. It follows the example of the Design Build Challenge, a traveling national competition hosted by Common Boston on behalf of Project Locus in 2009 and the Common Build 2010.

What does the CBCB address this year?

Common Boston will partner with the Building Material's Resource Center (BMRC) to host this year's CBCB. In keeping with the festival's theme of "Live & Learn" the Common Build will be geared toward bringing individuals together with institutions. Participants will be encouraged to design and implement projects that raise awareness of the built environment and inspire connections across the urban fabric. The CBCB addresses questions related to concepts of place, materiality, ecology, connectivity & periphery in the neighborhoods of Boston.

Who are the Clients? Where are the Sites?

You will be provided with a client & site at the kick-off event on June 23rd. To maintain a level field the specific Boston neighborhood and sites will not be announced until the competition begins. Teams will meet with their client to determine project scope, propose a design and construct the installation all within the three day time frame of the event.

What will the projects be?

Projects will need to fit within the code limitations established by the city of Boston. They are to be small scale installations designed so as not to require any building permit. These limitations will be described in further detail in the information package distributed to teams. The specific project type will need to be determined after assessing your client's needs and proposing a design solution.

How are projects funded?

The CBCB Client will not provide funding for individual projects. Teams are encouraged to procure funding prior to starting the event; a \$200 spending cap for project materials is encouraged. Teams have a responsibility to address the client wishes while creating a design that meets their budget and design intent. Projects will not be judged on the cost/quality of the materials used.

How are projects judged?

A panel of jurors consisting of design professionals from various disciplines as well as community advocates will be evaluating the installations. They will visit build sites on Sunday, June 26th to review projects and determine the competition winners. All teams are asked to tour with the jurors to see other projects. Projects will be critiqued based on design concept, design execution/construction, material creativity, innovation, sustainability, level of community engagement, contextual response and ability to meet client needs. Additionally, a popular favorite will be determined via an online poll through the cpcb.commonboston.org website beginning the week until the awards ceremony.

Do I need to get volunteer insurance for the event?

All team members are highly encouraged to purchase volunteer insurance for the build days. Please see the entry packet for further information. Insurance is available for \$2 per person per day (just \$6 for the weekend) and is a worthy investment in your safety.

How do I register?

Email completed team entry form to cpcb@commonboston.org (in pdf format) by June 5th for pre-registration. Registration fees will be paid through Eventbrite (<http://commonbuild.eventbrite.com>). Each team of five will purchase one ticket to the event (\$50) teams of six or more will purchase two tickets (\$100). Each team member must sign and submit the liability waiver by the event kickoff.

Registration forms, liability waivers and additional information can be found by visiting our website: cpcb.commonboston.org
If you have further concerns please e-mail us at cpcb@commonboston.org

