CALL FOR ENTRIES THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS - FLINT CHAPTER DESIGN COMPETITION FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF GENESEE TOWERS

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Site Description

Genesee Towers (120 East First Street, Flint Michigan) was started in 1966 and completed in 1968. The tower consists of 172,000 square feet (15,979 square meters) of office space in 10 stories, which overhang an 8-story parking garage and lobby level for a total of 19 floors. The building stands 250 feet (76 m) high and has been the tallest building in Genesee County since its completion. In 1997, the last major tenant, National Bank of Detroit, moved out leaving the building largely vacant. In 2001, due to sporadic maintenance, a pipe burst caused flooding and left the building completely vacant. The building was finally condemned by the city in 2004 after citing it for numerous building code violations. In November 2007 the streets around the tower were closed off due to the risk of concrete falling from the tower.

Source:Wikipedia

Register Online

To Register: send an email to aiaflint50@aol.com with your name and phone number Floor plans, elevations, and photos of Genesee Towers are availabe on the AIA/Flint Chapter website at: www.aiaflint.org

Scope of Project

The AIA/Flint Chapter is interested in possible ways to utilize Genesee Towers. The public is invited to research Flint's current situation to develop a mixed use facilty that will fill a void in the city's urban context. The specific uses of the building are to be determined by the designer. Concepts shall include both interior and exterior renovation. Designers are encouraged to utilize the entire building, incorporate sustainable ideas, and to think about the historical, contextual, social, urban, and envinronmental responsibilities of Genesee Towers.

Each applicant will be required to submit a one page narrative describing how the building will be revitalized. Floor plans, felevations, site plans, models, and renderings could be used to convey the intent. There is no minimum or maximum or this content and the applicant is free to use appropriate media to convey their ideas. However, a CD/DVD containing digital copies of all content is required.

Entries shall be recieved no later than 1:00 p.m. on March 1, 2011 to

Attn: AIA/Flint Design Competition 503 South Saginaw Street Suite 100 Flint, Michigan 48502

Eligibility

Anyone above the age of 18 may submit an entry.

Prizes

A prize of \$1000 will be awarded to the winning design. The second place design will recieve a prize of \$500, and third place will recieve \$250.

Selection Criteria

A panel of judges will select a winner on the following criteria:

- Creativity
- Practicality
- Benefits the City of Flint
- Representation of Ideas

Disclaimer

AIA/Flint Chapter is <u>not</u> liable for any costs incurred by the applicant for the preparation and submittal to this competition. AIA/Flint Chapter reserves the right to reject any submittal. All proposals submitted become the property of AIA/Flint Chapterandthey will not be returned. All proposals may be released to third parties and exhibited for public display without prior notice to applicant. Applicants will be identified and credited for their work.