

The logo for the urbanSHED International Design Competition is displayed on a yellow background. The word "urban" is in a lowercase, sans-serif font, while "SHED" is in a larger, bold, uppercase, sans-serif font. Below "SHED" is the text "International Design Competition" in a smaller, bold, uppercase, sans-serif font. The entire logo is enclosed in a black rectangular border.

urbansHED International Design Competition

THREE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR INTERNATIONAL SIDEWALK SHED DESIGN COMPETITION

*Finalists Receive \$5,000 to Further Develop Designs for Sidewalk Shed of the Future
Winner Will Receive \$10,000 and See their Design Built in Lower Manhattan*

Assistant Professor Kevin Erickson of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's School of Architecture and Principal of KNEstudio New York, NY, has been selected as 1 of 3 finalists in the urbanSHED International Design Competition who will advance to the final stage of the competition, which seeks to create a new standard of sidewalk sheds for the city of New York. His proposal urbanCLOUD, floats a translucent white pneumatic membrane above city sidewalks supported by outrigger beams attached to the building's roof, eliminating the typical heavy, unsightly system of existing street scaffolding. During Stage II the jury will select one of the finalist's projects to be constructed and serve as a new standard for the city.

The competition sponsored by the New York City Department of Buildings and the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects had 273 registered participants from over 30 countries and out of the 164 eligible submissions KNEstudio was selected in the top three. The jury was comprised of City Planning Commissioner Amanda M. Burden, FAICP; David M. Childs, FAIA, of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill; Craig Dykers, AIA MNAL, of Snøhetta; Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri; Jean Oei of Morphosis; Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan; Craig Michael Schwitter, P.E., of Buro Happold North America; Frank Sciame of the New York Building Congress; and Ada Tolla of LOT-EK. Susanna Sirefman of Dovetail Design Strategists is the competition advisor overseeing the development and management of the competition.

The three finalists will receive recommendations from a technical advisory group of leading design and construction industry stakeholders led by: Fatma Amer, P.E., First Deputy Commissioner at DOB; Rick Bell, FAIA, Executive Director of the AIANY; Carl Galioto, FAIA, senior principal at HOK New York; Dan Eschenasy, P.E., Chief Structural Engineer at DOB; Ken Buettner of the Hoisting and Scaffolding Trade Association; John Delucia, Director of Street Reconstruction at the NYC Department of Transportation; Skye Duncan, Urban Designer at the NYC Department of City Planning; Andrew Hollweck, Vice President of the New York Building Congress; Laurie Kerr, Senior Policy Advisor on Buildings and Energy at the NYC Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability; Caleb McKenzie of IESNYC; Brigit Pinnell, Executive Director of the Jamaica Center BID; and David N. Rackmales, P.E., of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Further information on the competition is available at www.urbanshed.org