



Fusion is Judge Advocate for 2008 Natural Talent Design Competition for West Michigan USGBC Chapter

Deidre Remtema from Fusion Business Services and Ryan Garone from Design Plus volunteered to organize and administer judging for the 2008 Natural Talent Design Competition. This competition provides an applied learning experience in the principles of integrated design, sustainability, innovation, and social consciousness; all of which are components of the LEED™ Green Building Rating System. Participants compete in a local competition, the top winner of which will move on to compete for a national award at Greenbuild Boston 2008.



Grand Rapids Public Schools Brookside Elementary was selected as the "client." Competition teams could design to LEED-EB Platinum or LEED for Schools, which will connect with the adjacent Kroc Salvation Army Community Center as a multi-use focal point for the neighborhood.



The awards program, held on Earth Day April 22 at the LEED Gold Certified Grand Rapids Art Museum, featured the contestant's presentations, the Brookside Elementary choir, food and crafts for kids. For more information please go to <http://chapters.usgbc.org/westmichigan/>