



**The USGBC Central Texas - Balcones Chapter — Emerging Green Builders Committee is proud to announce the winners of our first local 2009 USGBC Natural Talent Design Competition!**

The 2009 Natural Talent Design Competition (NTDC), presented by the Emerging Green Builders Committee of the U.S. Green Building Council's Central Texas – Balcones Chapter, was open to all students and young professionals in San Antonio and surrounding areas. The purpose of the design competition is to promote affordable and sustainable housing as well as smart growth development in the City of San Antonio. The participating individuals and teams were challenged to design a development project that consisted of a minimum of eight sustainable and affordable housing units and a small gathering center using the LEED for Homes and LEED for New Construction as designing guidelines.

The NTDC participating projects were judged based on the following criteria: Conceptual design and program fulfillment: how the project's vision meets the provided requirements; Integration of green design strategies and applicability to LEED criteria; Creativity in process, design, and innovation; Engagement of environmental, economic, and social aspects of program and site; and Overall energy reduction and its documentation.

**First Place, \$1000 and 2009 Greenbuild International Conference and Expo registration and travel:**

Team J14 Design

“Alamo Eight” Project

Joel James, Andy Alarcon, and Ricardo De La Cruz of San Antonio, Texas

Graduate Students at the University of Texas – San Antonio School of Architecture

Mentor/Advisor: Marc Giaccardo, LEED AP

**Second Place, \$500:**

Team Atelier Verde

“Respire” Project

Robert Tait, and Catherine Tait of Austin, Texas

Designers

**Third Place, \$250:**

Team Consortium Lumina

“Offset” Project

Matthew Macioge, Lindsey Jones, and Michael Pecen of Austin, Texas

Designers at Consortium Lumina Studios **Competition judges:**

Camp Bradshaw, Sustainable Perspectives Group

Stephen Colley, Build San Antonio Green  
Joe Koizen, Weston Solutions  
Brian Uhrich, DBR Engineering Consultants

Congratulations to all the winners from the USGBC Central Texas Balcones Chapter – Emerging Green Builders Committee!!!