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Roskruge Bilingual to Compete in “School of the Future” Final in Washington DC

TUCSON, Ariz., April 2010—In January ABA Architects’ principal, Kim Fernández, AIA, LEED AP, convened a local jury for the Council of Educational Facilities Planners International (CEFPI) “School of the Future” state design competition for Arizona. In addition to Ms. Fernández, other jury members included Linda Arzoumanian, Pima County School Superintendent; Kay Brown, Grenier Structural Engineering; and Jennifer Aviles, community representative. Open to middle school students only, sustainability plays a key role in the design criteria portion of the “School of the Future” competition. The jury selected Roskrudge Bilingual School of Tucson to advance to the regional phase of the competition. The Roskrudge team impressed the regional jury as well, and now will compete with seven other schools at the national level in Washington D.C. on April 29.

Sponsored by CEFPI and the National Association of Realtors® in collaboration with the US Environmental Protection Agency, the American Institute of Architects, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association and more than 20 other associations and private companies, the annual competition challenges teams to think creatively as they design tomorrow’s green schools to enhance learning, conserve resources, be environmentally responsive, and engage the surrounding community.

Teams across the country use award-winning curriculum addressing math and its practical applications, while also developing language, communication, leadership and real-world problem-solving skills. The competition is rigorous. Finalist teams will spend up to an hour presenting their innovative projects to a 20-person jury that includes architects, facilities planners, realtors, federal agency representatives, educators, school district superintendents and green building advocates at the National Education Association.

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