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THE 2010 BUCKMINSTER FULLER CHALLENGE SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

FEBRUARY 17, 2010 NEW YORK CITY — The Buckminster Fuller Institute is proud to announce that thirty outstanding entries to the [Buckminster Fuller Challenge](#) have been advanced to the next stage of review.

The [distinguished jury](#) will select a winner who will be presented with the OmniOculi sculpture and the \$100,000 prize money to honor and encourage further development of their work at a public ceremony in Washington DC, on June 5, 2010.

The thirty proposals currently under consideration have undergone a rigorous review for adherence to the [entry criteria](#) including an interview with the individual or team behind the strategy. They were advanced from a pool of 215 entries submitted. The titles and project leads of these entries are listed below. The jury will spend the next two months reviewing the entries and determining finalists.

“We are very proud and excited about the 30 semi-finalists. They include an amazing array of comprehensive strategies that address some of our most pressing problems – from reversing desertification to prototyping strategies for disaster response, re-envisioning our cities as carbon sinks, to dealing with the trash patch the size of Texas floating in the middle of the Pacific gyre.” reports Program Manager, JenJoy Roybal.

“Entries have been submitted by highly accomplished individuals and/or teams representing all parts of the world. Every one of them will inspire interest and hopefully, support. The jury is in for a very tough deliberation process.” expressed Executive Director, Elizabeth Thompson.

Congratulations to all of the Semi-Finalists and everyone who entered this year’s Buckminster Fuller Challenge. Those who have opted to have their work published will be featured in the [Idea Index](#) in March.

2010 Buckminster Fuller Challenge Semi-Finalists:

- *Watergy Greenhouse*, submitted by Martin Buchholz
- *Aclima: A system for creating and harnessing collective eco-intelligence for cleaner air and reduced climate change emissions*, submitted by Greg Niemeyer & Team
- *Barefoot Women Solar Engineers of Africa, Asia and Latin America*, submitted by Bunker Roy & Team
- *GrowTown: It's for Everyone - It's Sustainable - It Starts Now*, submitted by Kenneth Weikal & Team
- *Operation Hope - Permanent Water and Food Security for Africa's Impoverished Millions*, submitted by Allan Savory on behalf of Africa Centre for Holistic Management Trustees and staff
- *Jaaga*, submitted by Freeman Murray & Team
- *Tibet is the High Ground - 3rd Variation*, submitted by Helen Mayer Harrison and Newton Harrison
- *The Acceleration Of Innovation*, submitted by Jeff Rose, Full Belly Project

- *Seed-Scale: A Universal Process for Community Change*, submitted by Daniel Taylor, Future Generations
- *Sheltering U.S. Persons Unsheltered: Creating Legally Conforming, Economically Sustainable Emergency and Transitional Shelter*, submitted by Bruce LeBel, World Shelters
- *LIFT*, submitted by Prithula Prosun
- *Sustainable Disaster Response*, submitted by Scott Gibson & Team
- *Synchronicity 2: Public Water Purification Island*, submitted by Jakub Szczesny
- *ColaLife*, submitted by Simon Berry
- *Plastic Island*, submitted by Mr. F.K.R. Eilander & Team
- *Fighting SAM (Severe Acute Malnutrition) in India*, submitted by Compatible Technology International
- *GoodBank - a high transparency design for ethical banking*, submitted by Bruce Cahan, President Urban Logic
- *Resources*, submitted by Elizabeth Damon
- *CITY SINK*, submitted by Denise Hoffman Brandt
- *MicroEnergy Credits*, submitted by April Allderdice
- *Living Building Challenge*, Jason F. McLennan
- *Eco-Boulevards*, submitted by Martin Felson
- *The Green Initiative: Self-Sufficiency for NGOs through Clean Energy*, submitted by Dr. Basil Stamos & Team
- *New York City (Steady) State (book, research, web project)*, submitted by Terreform
- *Light For All*, submitted by Sameer Hajee
- *The Green Island Project*, submitted by Skip Staats, EcoSoul
- *The S.A.T. Project, 3D transportation*, submitted by Serrano + Pecorari Architects
- *A Call to Farm: FarmShare*, submitted by BK Farmyards
- *Samasource: Microwork for the Developing World*, submitted by Leila C. Janah
- *STRUCTURES FOR WAVE ENERGY ABSORPTION AND COLONIZATION OF MANGROVES*, submitted by Mourad Zeghal

To learn more about each project visit the [Semi-Finalists summary page](#) or contact: JenJoy Roybal, Tel: 718.290.9283. To view entries to the 2008 and 2009 Buckminster Fuller Challenge, visit BFI's [Idea Index](#) - a web-based publishing system created to enhance the opportunity for proposals to receive support and get implemented.

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