

Thriving by Design Competition – Preannouncement



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Entries will be judged by a panel of leaders in design, planning and education. The top designs will be showcased at the 10th Annual Minnesota Rural Summit, May 10-11, 2007 as well as in various media and venues. Designs will also be incorporated into regional design charrettes planned for 2007/8. If you are interested in receiving contest information and registering for the contest, contact info@minnesotaruralpartners.org or watch for entry materials at www.minnesotaruralpartners.org starting February 1, 2007.

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