



Tiny houses make for one huge competition.

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Tiny House Company.

The Tiny House Competition – Build Small and Win Big is a new competition in the Sacramento region, challenging collegiate teams to design and build net-zero, tiny solar houses. The event will be held on October 15, 2016 and is spearheaded by SMUD's Energy & Technology Center and Community Solar[®] program.

The Competition

This event is modeled after the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. An educator or school administrator will mentor each team. A stipend will be provided to get a project started. During the two years leading up to the event, students will design and build their energy-efficient houses.

Awards

During the week of competition, students will exhibit their houses to the public, judges and the media. The categories of the decathlon include architecture, energy, home life and communications. On the last day, winning teams will be awarded monetary prizes.

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