**FORCE-MAJEURE**

A Design Idea Competition for Modern Crisis 2020

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**FORCE-MAJEURE Q & A SESSION BREAKDOWN**

**Q:** Are the options judged separately or all together? Will they be judged digitally or by physical prints?

**A:** The options will be judged all together by the four jurors. They will be reviewed digitally.

**Q:** Can you speak to expectations of the short film portion? Since it won't be judged, is it a requirement?

**A:** The video is a requirement for all submissions. Any submissions that do not include a video will be disqualified. We have been describing the video as a commercial to showcase your idea. The video should be no longer than two (2) minutes and can be as simple as narrating over a slide show of your renderings to as complex as an animation, whichever showcases your idea best. For more information regarding the video submission and requirements refer to page 3 of the Force-Majeure Competition Brief or visit aiaaustin.org/force-majeure. Selected projects will have the videos promoted and shown in a public forum and will be available to watch on the Force-Majeure web page after the competition is over.

**Q:** The brief states that AIA Austin will own my images, is that true?

**A:** AIA Austin reserves the right to use the images submitted to promote the ideas of the participants and the competition in general. AIA Austin will not use the images submitted for any monetary reasons and will only be using the drawings and videos provided with the support of the design team.

**Q:** Is an award given to each scenario or is there an overall award?

**A:** There will be one overall first-place team and one honorable mention. The jurors will review all submissions across all briefs.

**Q:** Can teams submit boards on more than one brief?

**A:** No, teams that submit on multiple briefs will be disqualified from competition. It is perfectly acceptable for an organization to submit multiple ideas ranging across the different briefs as long as the teams do not overlap. Pick the brief that will facilitate your idea the best!
Q: Specifically in regards to Brief A - Post Pandemic Education, can you clarify the amount of classroom spaces and square footage? How many students would attend the school? Can we provide alternate forms of education?

A: You will need to provide at least 6 classrooms per grade, each classroom being at least 900 sf (3 grades X 6 Classrooms = 18 Classrooms). The amount of students should be determined by how your team handles social distancing and is open to interpretation. You may include alternate forms of education: the program provided should be included in the final idea, but should not be limited to just those spaces (applicable to all briefs).

Q: How was the site selected?

A: The site was selected for multiple reasons. Its location is accessible from the high traffic thoroughfare of Airport Boulevard but it is also easily accessible to the residents in the surrounding community who would ultimately be the users. While this is purely an ideas competition and nothing will be developed or built as a result from this competition, we also wanted to choose a greenfield site, as to not displace any local residents. It is currently used as an outdoor resource for local soccer teams and games. The site also facilitates all three program briefs equally & safely and provides adjacencies to existing resources. We highly recommend researching the site and local community when developing the idea, out of respect for the community and knowing that ultimately these ideas are meant to benefit the local community and residents.

Q: Is there a limit to how much we can manipulate the site?

A: This is an ideas competition; if it supports your idea to modify the site then there is no limit to modification. We would, however, highly suggest researching the site and the community adjacent to make sure it is respectful to both the site and surrounding community.

Q: I do not have the time to submit an idea but I would like to be involved, what can I do?

A: Yes! We want to showcase emerging professional and student work as much as possible as well and we are looking for mentors to help critique designs as they are in development, please reach out to Courtney@aiaaustin.org for moe information.