

# B.I.G. Enterprises Sponsors Architectural Competition for new Security Booth Designs



## Both professional and student architects competed for top B.I.G. honors – 2017 winners chosen from three continents

Los Angeles, CA –Nationally known for over a dozen award-winning security booth designs – and prefab installations that number in the thousands – B.I.G. Enterprises, Inc. recently inspired both licensed architects and architects-in-training to vie for top prizes in its inaugural 2017 B.I.G. Architectural Booth Design contest.

B.I.G. Enterprises has produced a catalog of well over 300 designs that set new standards for both aesthetics and security, and these new winning designs will be a welcome addition.

More than 13,000 invitations were sent to current or former students of the 81 universities in the U.S. recognized by either the National

Architectural Accrediting Board or the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

Submissions were posted on Instagram and tagged with #BigBooth\_architect\_contest. Entries came from alumni and undergrads hailing from Cal Poly Pomona, University of Oregon, Pratt Institute's Undergraduate School of Architecture, University of Memphis, Illinois Institute of Technology and other top schools; and



**1st Place**  
**Roberto Caputo**

**2nd Place**  
**Benjamin Garcia**

**3rd Place**  
**Frida Vokshi**

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from as far away as Malaysia, Colombia, and Albania.

B.I.G. invited two award-winning U.S. architects to judge the contest – Simon David, a Senior Urban Designer and Landscape Architect at the world renowned Bjarke Ingels Group in New York City; and Dwayne Oyler, Co-Founder of Oyler Wu Collaborative, an experimental architectural firm based in Los Angeles.

A final field of 15 sketches were selected based on the buildability of the ideas, and designs were forwarded to David and Oyler for judging. “In all these schemes, I appreciated the combination of indoor and sheltered outdoor space,” said Judge Oyler, “and the inclusion of operable windows; which would make these suitable to many climates, and increase human comfort for booth attendants.”

Judge David added, “The winners stand out for their insistence on contemporary ideas that make them both beautiful and help to push forward the idea of a guard booth.”

From a joint statement of the judges: “What made the competition especially interesting is that it really highlights a broad slice of architectural ideas appropriate to the idea of a guard shelter. Every entry (both winners and non-winners) offered an interesting way into the problem, be it through a modern approach, a retro vibe, a playfulness, or a material interest.”

“We appreciate that B.I.G. Enterprises has created this fine competition and specifically invited student architects to compete with licensed architects.” Few competitive opportunities like this exist in the world of architecture.

The top cash prizes went to South American Roberto Caputo for first place, Californian Benjamin Garcia for second place, and European Frida Vokshi for third place.



**Judge Simon David works for Bjarke Ingels Group in New York City.**



**Judge Dwayne Oyler is a co-founder of Oyler Wu Collaborative in Los Angeles**

Engineers and decision-makers from hundreds of universities, transportation, chemical, agricultural, manufacturing and corporate facilities have turned to B.I.G. to meet the exacting requirements of today’s corporate and industrial security environment. B.I.G.’s vice president Dave King said, “We are pleased to offer these new designs to our customers and look forward to discussing multiple applications for each one of them.”

### **About B.I.G. Enterprises:**

Since 1963, B.I.G. Enterprises, Inc. of California has engineered and manufactured a comprehensive line of high quality, high-end, prefabricated security and revenue control booths. Their state-of-the-art selection of pre-assembled buildings include guardhouses, cashier booths, portable shelters, and a variety of custom-made kiosks.

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