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**GBBN Architects' Announces 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual (DIS) Exhibit**

LOUISVILLE — GBBN Architects announces its third annual Design Issues Series (DIS) exhibition entitled, *Pre Fab Lab*, an exploration of modular prefabrication and its effects on the urban landscape. Technological advances in prefabrication are revolutionizing the design and construction of buildings. Quality control, efficiency, and value make modular prefabrication an increasing popular method of delivering affordable housing that is innovative and attractive.

**GBBN will share its findings at the Louisville Mini Maker Faire Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more details visit [www.gbbn.com/dis](http://www.gbbn.com/dis).**

To remain diverse, vibrant, and resilient, cities have to be affordable. Modular design and prefabrication offer ways to address the critical shortage of affordable housing facing American cities. This year's (DIS) exhibit dispels prefab's lingering reputation as boring or cookie-cutter by showcasing its potential to create mixed income housing that combines economical construction and cutting edge design. Modern prefabrication techniques—like those used for Carmel Place, New York City's first micro-unit apartment tower, Los Angeles' Star Apartments, and GBBN's design for the Mixed-Use project on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Louisville—are already changing urban landscapes.

**ABOUT THE DESIGN ISSUE SERIES (DIS)**

GBBN Architects' annual Design Issues Series (DIS) is a collaborative exhibition between all GBBN offices. As architects, we can find ourselves reacting exclusively to market forces. The goal of (DIS) is to step back, take notice, and represent a specific topic in a new light and foster lively and creative public discourse. (DIS) engages local stakeholders to advance our understanding and inform design solutions; it's also an opportunity to invite the community to learn about and participate in our design process. By overlapping architecture and community, (DIS) seeks to grow a culture of design. Past exhibitions have examined subjects like common space (*C'mon Space! Whatcha Gonna Do For Me?* 2016) and 21<sup>st</sup> century digital design tools (*The Digital in Design and Making*, 2015).

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**About GBBN Architects**

GBBN Architects is a research-based design firm that provides services in architecture, interiors, planning, and computer-aided facility management. Our thinking is progressive and our process is collaborative. Our purpose is to craft thoughtful design solutions that elevate our clients and communities today and tomorrow. With offices in Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburgh, and Beijing, we find poetry in problem solving and make spaces that evoke joy.