Picking A Winner

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The selection of architects by public bodies has been the subject of an increasing number of news stories lately, most of them concerned with the State Department of Education, the School Board and other similar bodies. All of this attention however, has not been positive.

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