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The design and construction of tall buildings has taken a global upswing, with the incomplete Burj Dubai already the world's tallest building and projects started or on the boards for the 150-story Chicago Spire; the 1,776-ft. Freedom Tower in New York City; and others for Moscow, Russia; Seoul, South Korea; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Once completed, these buildings will not only dominate their skylines but will also serve as symbols of success and economic power around the world. As the race to transform the world's skylines continues, the criteria for rating these buildings have also evolved. Today, the project teams for these buildings must minimize the building's effect on the natural environment through proper site utilization, innovative uses of materials, energy reduction, use of alternative energy sources, and reduced emissions and water consumption.

The official guide to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH) 2008 award winning tall building projects, Best Tall Buildings 2008 provides owner/developers, architects, landscape architects, contractors, and structural engineers with a unique look into the latest developments in all areas tall buildings rating and awards criteria. Beginning with the New York Times Building in the United States ending with 181 William Street in Melbourne Australia, this book outlines and recognizes excellence in design, construction, and operations for buildings in specific regions around the world (Americas, Europe, Asia, Middle East/Africa, Australia, and New Zealand). The book provides eye-catching two to four page spreads of the award winners and nominees while the accompanying text offers readers valuable insight into the challenges of each project and how they were overcome. Each building is breathtakingly photographed and includes project details such as owner/developers, architectural firm, landscape architectural firm, contractor team, and structural engineering firm.

Offers readers valuable insight into the tall buildings rating and awards criteria

Provides a freeze-frame of tall building activity across the entire globe

Recognizes excellence in design, construction, and operation in specific geographical regions

Provides a unique look into the latest developments in tall buildings around the world

Offers readers valuable insight into the challenges of each project and how they were overcome.

Includes two to four fully illustrated descriptions for each project/individual project

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