Four proposals, all complying with the rules of the Award, were received at the Secretariat by the closing date specified in the Call for Proposals published in March this year (here). The proposals were sent to the panel of three judges who then separately assessed each proposal.

The judges commented on the excellence of all the proposals, but came to a unanimous decision that the winner was the proposal submitted by the CIB Student Chapter at Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The winners will receive an Award of 2500 Euros, which they have budgeted to spend on executing their proposal.

The Winning Proposal

The winning proposal has the title "Exploring construction industrialization in China: the status quo and the challenges." In supporting the submission of the proposal the Coordinator of CIB W119 Customised Industrial Construction noted that the Student Chapter proposal, with its focus on China, will generate very important input for the Commission.

The proposal was submitted on behalf of the Chapter by Mr Peng Y and Mr Hong Yu-ming who are the principal investigator and co-investigator respectively.

The Student Chapter proposal is to:
- understand the status quo of construction industrialization
- measure the degree of construction industrialization
- identify the challenges of implementing construction industrialization
- produce a report on suggestions on implementing construction industrialisation

This proposal complements the aims of CIB W119, which, amongst others, are:
- to become the core of the world’s leading international research community on Customised Industrial Construction and how this impacts upon processes in architecture, construction and real estate
- to facilitate the bringing in of new knowledge and frontier technologies from various professions, including ICT, automation, robotics, mechanical engineering, mechatronics and product-service engineering.

Aftermath Reporting

A condition of the Award is that the winner is required to report on the project immediately after its completion, which is expected to occur in July 2012. At that time the Coordinator of CIB W119 will be invited to include comments in that report.

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A Call for Proposals for the award in 2012 will be published in March 2012.
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