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Maybe it's a model for inexpensive housing for squatter communities in South Africa. Maybe it's a model for design firms that want to apply their skills to solving significant problems around the world. Whichever, the Aböd houses developed by BSB Design are worth a look.

THE CENTER FOR SMALL TOWNS

www.morris.umn.edu/services/cst

SMALL TOWN IDEA GENERATOR

<http://news.minnesota.publicradio.org/projects/2005/04/smalltowns>

Obviously, Minnesotans care about their small towns. The University of Minnesota, Morris sponsors a research center, while Minnesota Public Radio maintains a site that is a fascinating model for online civic discussions.

THE MICROPOLITAN MUSEUM

www.microscopy-uk.org.uk/micropolitan

Art-history books are full of still-lives, landscapes, portraits... but somehow micro-organisms haven't made the cut. Here to correct this serious omission is the Institute for the Promotion of the Less than One Millimeter, the sponsor of the virtual Micropolitan Museum. Is this the beginning of the end for starchitects and multimillion-dollar museums?

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<http://tinyurl.com>

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GPSOLO MAGAZINE

www.abanet.org/genpractice/magazine

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SMALL PROJECT PRACTITIONERS

www.aia.org/smallfirms

The AIA cares about small firms, too. Explore this little corner of the website, which includes an electronic newsletter and special practice resources.

THE TINY TIM MEMORIAL SITE

www.tinytim.org

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