

At its core, Bayou Battle of the Build is a cooperative endeavor between the New Orleans Home & Garden Show (NOHGS) and the New Orleans Education League (NOEL) for workforce development and outreach that seeks to build connections between local students, teachers, employers and those who have made careers in trades, and supporting businesses. Exposing students to these trades in a fun and competitive environment teaches them hands on skills, but also exposes them to successful business owners and trades people to show them there is a successful career path through the building industry.

Area high schools will compete by planning and building a project and then presenting their completed entry at our Annual Home & Garden Show to judges from the building industry. Students will be on site to explain their project and answer questions to the public. Projects displayed will be available for silent auction with the proceeds going back to the participating school. Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans members will act as mentors to their assigned school during the process and will be present with the students at the Show. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd places based on the 5 categories; presentation, build quality, finish quality, creativity, and complexity.



