

Decentralized Solar Decathlon

The Consortium for a Decentralized Solar Decathlon (CDSO), directed by Mike Wassmer of Live to Zero LLC, will substantially increase the depth and breadth of the Solar Decathlon program's impact by hosting a yearlong competition in 20 campus communities across the United States. Decentralization will renew the program's long-term fiscal sustainability by reducing administrative costs by 75% and creating exciting new sponsorship opportunities.

In the decentralized Solar Decathlon, participating teams will build, operate, and present their houses on or near their campuses. In the reimagined yearlong competition phase, juries will evaluate the projects and building scientists will measure building performance. The new Outreach and Education contests will provide the impetus for teams to expose their project to unprecedented numbers of homeowners, students, and contractors. The new R&D contest will yield compelling market transformation outcomes and performance data for the mainstream homebuilding and residential research sectors, respectively. Most importantly, the houses will remain valuable campus community assets for many years beyond the competition.

The Decentralized Solar Decathlon's success factors and intended outcomes are outlined below. Please visit <https://livetozero.com/decentralized-solar-decathlon> for more information.

