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Cal Poly Senior Project to be Displayed in Downtown San Luis Obispo May 18-19

SAN LUIS OBISPO – A shipping container converted into a flexible food venue by four Cal Poly architecture students will be on display in San Luis Obispo on Friday and Saturday, May 18-19.

The unique student project, titled “FM Venue,” will eventually be placed in San Francisco where grocers, community kitchens, markets, caterers and restaurants can potentially use the module.

Using a construction site on Cal Poly farmland near Cuesta College and several wood- working tools and high-tech machines from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Support Shop, the students created a new paradigm of “moveable” architecture. With support from licensed electricians, students achieved a strong infrastructure of energy to bring the project to life. The container will serve as a venue to sell food.

FM Venue has earned the students a place as finalists in the university’s ninth annual Innovation Quest competition, founded by Cal Poly alumni to spur Cal Poly’s culture of inventiveness and innovation.

The public is invited to see the project at PMSM Architects at 1266 Monterey St. San Luis Obispo.

In addition to the converted container display, Cal Poly Architecture Professor Tom Di Santo will host a Velonotte, an art and architecture biking tour, on May 19. The tour will begin at 7 p.m. in front of Flanders Bike Shop at 1951 Santa Barbara Ave.

FM Venue will also be on display in Cal Poly’s Chumash Auditorium Friday through Tuesday, May 25-29, at the Fifth Year Architecture Chumash Show.

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