



## Construction Industry Round Table

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### 05/01/12 – ACE South Florida, Coral Park H.S. Team Wins the 2012 National CIRT-ACE Design Competition



In a fiercely competitive and spirited final competition, the mentor team from Coral Park H.S. in Miami, Florida, took home the first place prize. The presentation phase for the three national finalists occurred on the morning of Tuesday, May 1st at the CIRT Spring Conference in Washington, DC. While all three teams did an excellent job in presenting their entries, only one could claim top honors and that went to: ACE South Florida for their “Mary Brickell Parking Garage” entry. As the winner, the team received a \$5,000 prize for their Affiliate, but more importantly bragging rights for a year as

the top mentor team in the country. Coming in a very close second (after two rounds of voting by the judges) was the group from ACE Washington DC (Washington-Lee H.S. Team) for their “Anacostia-Capital Waterfront” entry; followed by the third place finisher ACE Mentor Los Angeles/Orange County, CA (Santa Ana Chapter/Century H.S. Team) for their “California Air & Space Museum” project.

A record 39 entries (representing 24 Affiliates/Chapters) from across the country competed for top honors in the Sixth Annual CIRT-ACE Design Competition with only three garnering the coveted right to be named a national finalist. The final round presentations were judged by a distinguished panel of CIRT members and others, with chief judge Robert (“Bob”) Alger (Chairman, President & CEO, The Lane Construction Corp.), presiding over seven others including: Peter J. Davoren (President & CEO, Turner Construction Co.); M. James Gorrie (CEO & President, Brasfield & Gorrie); Patrick MacLeamy (CEO, HOK Group); Edward McSpedon (EVP, HNTB Corp.); Blake Murillo (CEO, Psomas); Elisabeth Broome (Managing Editor, Architectural Record); and Mark A. Casso (President, CIRT). A common refrain from the judges was that all of the projects were well done, and the students had “mastered” the difficult job of making presentations, which made the final choice all that more difficult. CIRT looks forward to the 2013 competition and next year’s final presentations.