



Construction Industry Round Table

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05/06/11 – Frederick Maryland Team Named 2011 CIRT-ACE Mentor Design Competition Winner

A spirited and exciting final competition took place on the morning of Tuesday, May 3rd at the CIRT Spring Conference in Washington, DC to determine who would be named winner of this year's national design competition. While all three teams did an excellent job in presenting their entries, only one could claim top



honors and that went to: **ACE of Frederick, Maryland** for their *"Serenity Health Clinic"* entry. As the winner, the team received a \$3,000 prize for their Affiliate, but more importantly bragging rights for a year as the top mentor team in the country. Coming in a close second was the group from **ACE Mentor San Francisco Bay Area/Peninsula Team-1** for their *"Mountain View H.S."* entry; followed by the third place finisher **ACE Greater New York City/Team-8** for their *"Aquila Village"* project. A record 37 entries (representing 21 Affiliates/Chapters) from across the country competed for top honors in the Fifth 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, with chief judge Charlie Thornton, presiding over five colleagues including: Linda Figg (President & CEO, Figg Engineering Group), Bob Alger (Chairman, President & CEO, The Lane Construction Corp.), Matt Walsh (CEO, The Walsh Group), Gilberto Neves (CEO, Odebrecht Construction), and Blake Murillo (CEO, Psomas). 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, but in the end, the choice was unanimous as to which entry should be selected the winner. CIRT looks forward to the 2012 competition and next year's final presentations.

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