



Construction Industry Round Table

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3/16/10 – Three National Finalists Named from Record Number of Entries in CIRT-ACE Design Competition

A record 19 entries from across the country competed for top honors in the Fourth Annual CIRT-ACE Design Competition with only three garnering the coveted right to be named a national finalist. Those earning this distinction in 2010 were all first-time Affiliate/Chapter teams hailing from:

- **ACE Greater Bridgeport, CT Chapter** for their “A Creative Experience Center for the Arts” entry
- **ACE Denver, Green Mountain/Team Brugman/Bayley** for their “Ideal School” entry; and
- **ACE New Haven, CT** for their “East Haven Green Housing Row” entry.

The three finalists will vie for a top prize of \$3,000 before a judging panel composed of CIRT members. While the designs being offered are innovative and creative, the true goal is to judge the ability of the students to make coherent, well thought-out, clear presentations on their team’s design/construction approaches within the project’s objectives while being fully responsive to the competition package elements. In the final round the three teams will be judged on four major elements: creativity; quality of presentation; design process; and design elements/aspects.

Also winning recognition for their entries as Honorable Mention/First or Second Runner-Ups in the different design categories or options were: ACE Mentor Program of RI/Providence (1st Runner-Up for the “Ideal School” design option), ACE of Metro-DC/Wheaton HS (1st Runner-Up for the “Arts Center/Theater Building” design option), as well as ACE Greater Kansas City (1st Runner-Up) and ACE of Nashville, Team #4 (2nd Runner-Up) both for the “Parking Garage Outside the Box” design project/option

New this year was a special award given to a non-finalist teams for the “Best Presentation Boards”, the winners for the 2010 competition were: ACE of Nashville/Team #5 (First Place), ACE Mentor Program of RI/Providence (Second Place), and ACE of Frederick, MD/Linganore Team (Third Place).

All of the projects were well done, making it a difficult task for the judges to narrow the field to three, but in the end, the choices were unanimous as to which entries should be selected. The Round Table is looking forward to a spirited and exciting final competition on the afternoon of April 26th at the CIRT Spring Conference to be held at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington, DC (April 26-28, 2010).

CIRT congratulates and thanks all of the teams that submitted entries in this year’s competition, and encourages them to continue to participate in the future.