



Construction Industry Round Table

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03/21/2017 – National Competition Finalists Announced

After completion of a very vigorous Preliminary Judging round among the 49 entries submitted from across the country in this year's "CIRT National Design & Construction Competition" three finalist teams were selected. Those earning this distinction in 2017 will have an opportunity to present next month in conjunction with the ACE National Board Meeting in Washington, DC on **April 24, 2017**. The FINALISTS are as follows:

- **ACE Mentor Program of Chicago: Team 6** for their entry: "*Cultural Museum of Chicago at the Old Post Office*";
- **ACE of Greater New York City: Team 30** for their entry: "*Queens Quarters*"; and
- **ACE Rhode Island Mentor Program of Providence: PVD Creative** for their entry: "*Presidential Library & Museum*".

These teams will vie for a top prize of \$5,000 before a panel of distinguished judges composed mostly of CIRT members. The judges will analyze the team presenter/spokesperson's ability to make a coherent, well thought-out, clear presentation on the design/construction approaches within the project's objectives while being fully responsive to the competition package elements in the challenge/RFP. In the presentation rounds the teams will be judged on two *major* elements: quality of presentation and competence of the overall entry.

In addition to the three finalists, six other teams were recognized as either **First Runner-Up** (\$1,000 prize) or **Second Runner-Up** (\$500 prize) in each of the three different design challenges or options:

Upgrade Structure Challenge (which had 23 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor of Frederick, MD/Team FactoryUpscale** for "*Cola Gardens*"; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Chicago/Team 1** for "*Saint Gallery*"

Open Spaces Challenge (which had 16 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE NE Florida/Gateway Design-Orange Park H.S. Team** for "*Hogan's Creek Community Plaza*"; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE of Hartford, CT/Team 1** for "*Riker's Redemption*"

Presidential Library & Museum Challenge (which had 10 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Chicago/Team Five**; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Eastern PA/Team 10**

The Round Table is looking forward to a spirited and exciting NATIONAL PRESENTATION ROUND (among the THREE Finalists teams) on the afternoon of **April 24, 2017** in the nation's capital.