

CIRT-ACE Design Competition for 2014

On behalf of the Construction Industry Round Table, ACE Mentor Program of America, and the preliminary round judges, we are very pleased to announce the three *national finalists* in the CIRT-ACE Design Competition for 2014.

- **ACE San Francisco Bay Area, CA/Peninsula One Team** for their "*Library Relevance Challenge/Varsity Library*" entry;
- **ACE Mentor Program of Miami-Dade County/Miami-Coral Park Senior H.S.** for their "*Defined by Architecture/Marine Stadium*" entry; and
- **ACE of Frederick, Maryland** for their "*Universal Design Home Retro-Fit/Aging in Place*" entry.

A record 44 entries (representing 21 Affiliates/Chapters) from across the country competed for top honors in the Seventh Annual CIRT-ACE Design Competition with only three garnering the coveted right to be named a national finalist. Those earning this distinction in 2014 are a healthy mix of experienced teams that will make for a very exciting final round. The winning teams will have an opportunity to make presentations at the national competition in May during CIRT's Conference.

Six other teams were recognized as **First Runner-Up** (\$1,000 award) or **Second Runner-Up** (\$500 award) in the three different design challenges or options:

Library Relevance Challenge:

ACE Chicago, IL/Team 1 (1st Runner-Up) for "*Harold Washington Library Center*";
ACE New Haven, CT (2nd Runner-Up) for "*The Institute Library*"

Defined by Architecture Challenge:

ACE Houston (Gallena II)/Weli Wagoco Team (1st Runner-Up) for "*Bayou City Park*";
ACE Houston/BecXon (2nd Runner-Up) for "*Exxon Building Rehabilitation*"

"Universal Design"/Home Retro-Fit Challenge:

ACE San Francisco Bay Area, CA/Peninsula One Team (1st Runner-Up);
ACE Northern Rhode Island (2nd Runner-Up)

Again this year, a special award was given to a non-winning team for the "**Best Presentation Boards**" (**\$250 award**), the winner for the 2014 competition was: ACE Mentor Program of Miami-Dade County/DASH Team for their "*Symbios*" entry boards.

Also, CIRT wishes to recognize and congratulate the greater Houston, TX Affiliate for having the most entries in the competition.

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 to move-on to the finals. The Round Table is looking forward to a spirited and exciting final competition on the afternoon of May 5th at the CIRT Spring Conference to be held in Washington, DC (May 5-7, 2014), in the Park Hyatt Hotel (24th & M Streets).