



### **5/01/13 – Central Iowa Team Wins National Design Competition**

A first time participant to the national CIRT-ACE Design Competition took home the top prize, when the **ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa** won for their “Modular Reset” entry in the Modular Education Addition category. The newcomer fended off two seasoned Affiliate entries from Frederick, Maryland (a two time national winner), and a team from Northern Rhode Island to claim the \$5,000 award and bragging rights for 2013. The presentation phase for the three national finalists occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30th at the National Building Museum, during 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, with second place (and a prize of \$3,000) going to: **ACE of Frederick, Maryland** for their “Universal Design Home Retro-Fit” entry; and third place (and a prize of \$2,000) going to **ACE Northern Rhode Island** (Providence) for their “Riverwalk Park” entry.

A record 43 entries (representing 24 ACE 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. The final round presentations were judged by a distinguished panel of CIRT members and others, with chief judge Dr. Charles Thornton (Co-Founder and Chairman of ACE Mentor Program of America) presiding over six others including: **Patrick MacLeamy** (CEO, HOK Group); **Bill Siegel** (CEO, Kleinfelder, Inc); **Randy Lake** (CEO, Oldcastle Materials, Inc); **Ray Messer** (Chairman & President, Walter P. Moore & Assoc.); **Elisabeth Broome** (Managing Editor, Architectural Record); and **Mark A. Casso** (President, CIRT).

The package and design challenges for the Eight Annual Competition will be disseminated in early fall of 2013 for judging and final determinations in 2014.