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Three National Finalists Announced for 2018 Design & Construction Competition

3/27/2018 - (McLean, VA) - Using as inspiration Aristotle's guidance "*What we learn, we learn by doing*" CIRT announced today this year's *CIRT National Design & Construction Competition's* three national finalists. After receiving a record-setting 60 entries representing 26 Affiliates/Chapters from across the country the finalist will compete in a presentation round in conjunction with the CIRT Spring Conference in Washington, DC on **April 30, 2018**. The national finalists are as follows:

- **ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa:** for their Flexible Home entry: "*One Shell of a House*;"
- **ACE Mentor Program of Washington (Seattle/Team 2)** for their Urban Block entry: "*Releasing the Dragon*;" and
- **ACE Mentor Program of Central Florida: Lyman H.S. Team** for their Ideal School entry: "*Delta Design*."

Vying for a top prize of \$5,000 the teams will go head-to-head 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 round the teams will be judged on two *major* elements: quality of presentation and competence of the overall entry.

Six other teams were also 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. Among this elite group were:

Flexible Home Challenge (which had 29 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor of Greater NYC/Team 30** for "*Home: the Modular Solution*;" 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of Eastern PA/Team 10** for "*MUD*;"

Revitalize an Urban Block Challenge (which had 22 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor of Greater NYC/Team 15** for "*The Atlas District*;" 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor of Greater NYC/Team 25** for "*Sunrise Garden*;"

Envisioning an Ideal School Challenge (which had 9 entries): 1st Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of New Jersey (Middlesex)**, for "*MASGA*"; 2nd Runner-Up: **ACE Mentor Program of San Francisco (Cupertino, CA)** for "*CPLUC*."

The teams were congratulated by CIRT on behalf of the preliminary round judges and the program supporters: [ACE Mentor Program of America](#) and the [Chicago Architecture Foundation](#).