



## Construction Industry Round Table

## CIRT News

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### 3/17/2016 – CIRT Announces 2016 National Design Competition Finalists

CIRT announced today the nine finalists from this year's CIRT-ACE National Design Competition. A record 55 entries (representing 20 Affiliates/Chapters) from across the country competed for top honors in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Design Competition with only a small number garnering the coveted right to go onto the presentation stage. New this year, these teams will compete in two steps: a semi-final round (for each project option) and a final national championship round. Those earning this distinction in 2016 are a healthy mix of veteran, recent competitors, and new-comers to the competition representing every region of the country. These nine teams will have an opportunity to present later this spring during the ACE National Board Program in Washington, DC (April 25, 2016). The teams are as follows:

#### **Bridge Design/Redesign & Construction Challenge:** (Top Three Finalists)

- ACE Mentor Program of Northeast Florida/Orange Park HS Team for *"Unity Bridge"*
- ACE Mentor Program of Eastern PA for *"Make a Wish Bridge"* and
- ACE Mentor San Francisco Bay Area/Peninsula Team-1 for *"Connecting the Bay"*

#### **Historical Revitalization Challenge:** (Top Three Finalists)

- ACE of Frederick, Maryland/Team Retroit for *"Detroit Terminal Harbor Revitalization"*
- ACE Mentor Program of Eastern PA for *"The Last Stop"* and
- ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa for *"The YMCA"*

#### **Shoreline Design Challenge:** (Top Three Finalists)

- ACE of Greater New York City/Team 30 for *"RESILIEN-City"*
- ACE of New Haven, CT/Wednesday Team for *"River Street Resiliency District"* and
- ACE of Houston, TX/Galleria Shore Tect Team for *"Guwahati's Waterfront Development Plan"*

They will be vying, in two rounds, for a top prize of \$5,000 before a panel of distinguished judges composed mostly of CIRT members. These judges will analyze the team'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 these rounds the teams will be judged on two *major* elements: quality of presentation and competence of the overall entry.

Again this year, a special award was also given to a *non-finalist* team for the **"Best Presentation Boards"** (\$250 award). The **ACE Mentor Program of Seattle, Washington** received this recognition for its entry *"Sound Connection"* which was viewed as particularly effective with respect to its visual presentation. CIRT also recognized and congratulated the greater Houston area Affiliate for having the most entries in the competition (10 total).