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ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION WELCOMES PROPOSALS FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2014 Conference Explores "Building With Change"

(McLean, VA, August 21, 2013) – The [Environmental Design Research Association](http://www.edra.org) (EDRA) invites submissions for its 45th Annual Conference, EDRA45NewOrleans, to be held May 28-31, 2014 at the Astor Crowne Plaza in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana. The official call for proposals may be found at www.edra.org/edra45neworleans.

The theme of this year's conference, *Building With Change*, focuses on new research methods and design strategies for the human habitation of our dynamic environment. Conference themes will engage diverse approaches to building with change, from resisting dynamic environmental forces to accepting and accommodating them.

"EDRA45 asks what we can gain by building a more robust relationship between the inhabited and natural environment," said Jeffrey Carney, AICP, EDRA45 co-chair and director of the LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio. "As a research community we seek to build a body of knowledge, and combination of design and research that elevates the inhabitable environment to something that is not only beautiful or merely functional, but that also adapts to the complex needs of an ever-changing landscape."

The submission deadline for papers, abstracts, symposia, workshops and professional development tutorials is **September 20, 2013**. The submission deadline for display poster presentations and EDRAShorts is **November 22, 2013**. All proposals must be submitted online at <http://edra45.abstractcentral.com>.

EDRA's annual conferences are renowned international events that focus on research and design presentations in a variety of formats. The sessions provide students, researchers and practitioners alike the opportunity to participate in a collaborative discourse while receiving continuing education credits from a variety of accrediting organizations. Conference attendees include architects, urban planners, designers, social ecologists, urban anthropologists, researchers, consultants, academics, artists and students from around the world.

For more information on the organization, membership and services provided, visit www.edra.org.

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About EDRA:

The Environmental Design Research Association is an international, interdisciplinary organization founded in 1968 by design professionals, social scientists, students, educators, and facility managers. EDRA exists to advance and disseminate environmental design research, thereby improving understanding of the inter-relationships of people with their built and natural surroundings toward creation and curation of environments responsive to human needs.