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ENVIROMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR 2015 TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Event Aims to Increase Awareness on Latest Advances in Design Research

(McLean, VA, September 18, 2014) – The Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) has issued a call for proposals for its upcoming translational research symposium, scheduled to take place in the fall of 2015. The event aims to solicit participation and consider areas of interest and impact from the environment-behavior community. Organizations and/or design firms are invited to develop the upcoming symposium theme, plan of action, and steward it to fruition. This symposium offers an excellent opportunity to connect with practitioners, policy makers, clients, community leaders, and put design research into action.

While EDRA has always been at the forefront in providing a forum where environmental design research can be explored and debated through its annual conference, the organization is expanding its events to meet the educational needs for today’s practitioners. In 2013, EDRA, in partnership with the New York School of Interior Design, hosted its inaugural Translational Research Symposium highlighting the very timely and critical focus of "Landscape of Accountable Care: How a Patient Focus is Changing the Industry."

"EDRA’s breadth and depth of applied research on environments, such as those for working, learning, and healthcare, enables us to create a unique opportunity to disseminate evidence-based knowledge to inform the creation of new environments," stated EDRA Board Chair Shauna Mallory-Hill. "A key component of EDRA's mission is to demonstrate the need and importance of such research to the individuals and firms in practice."

All proposals must be submitted to EDRA Headquarters via email at headquarters@edra.org. The deadline to submit a proposal is October 15, 2014. Complete proposal requirements can be found in the EDRA Horizons: Symposia Guidelines. For more information on this and other research-focused programming, visit www.edra.org.

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About EDRA:
The Environmental Design Research Association is an international, interdisciplinary organization founded in 1969 by architects and psychologists concerned with integrating people’s needs in shaping the built environment. 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. For more information, visit www.edra.org.