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Environmental Design Research Association Partners with Project for Public Spaces

EDRA and PPS to collaborate on 2015 Great Place Awards

(McLean, Va., December 16, 2014) – The [Environmental Design Research Association](http://www.edra.org) (EDRA) and the [Project for Public Spaces](http://www.projectforpublicspaces.org) (PPS) today announced a partnership to promote EDRA's 2015 Great Places Awards. EDRA's awards program recognizes the work that combines expertise in design, research and practice, and contributes to the creation of dynamic, humane places that engage attention and imagination. Entries for the 2015 program are now being accepted at www.edra.org/greatplaces.

For 17 years, the Great Places Awards have recognized projects that reflect an interdisciplinary approach that is enduring, human-centered, sustainable, and concerned with the experiential relationship between people and their environment (built and natural) over time. The partnership with PPS will help support and expand this competition, and further encourage development of place-based projects.

[Project for Public Spaces](http://www.projectforpublicspaces.org) is a nonprofit planning, design and educational organization dedicated to helping people create and sustain public spaces that build stronger communities. Since 1975, they have completed projects in more than 3,000 communities in 43 countries and all 50 U.S. states, and are the premier center for best practices, information and resources on Placemaking.

"We are thrilled to formalize this partnership," said Mallika Bose, associate professor, the Pennsylvania State University, and chair of the 2015 Great Places Awards. "PPS is renowned for helping citizens transform their public spaces into vital places that highlight local assets, celebrate diversity, spur rejuvenation and serve common needs."

Through multi-channel communications by each organization, the partnership between EDRA and PPS will increase visibility and awareness of the Great Places Awards. "The Great Places Awards and its award-winning projects are making a difference in their communities. PPS looks forward to helping in the program's development, as well as promoting the event to Placemakers around the globe," said Fred Kent, Founder/CEO of PPS.

EDRA is accepting electronic submissions for the 2015 Great Places Awards until 11:59 PM ET on Monday, February 16, 2015. More information about the program can be found at www.edra.org/great-places-awards.



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.

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