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**Local Design and Construction Trade Fair Brings a New Location and Experience in its 27th Year**

LOUISVILLE, Ky.- The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Central Kentucky Chapter and the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) Louisville Chapter are hosting the area’s most anticipated one-day Trade Fair complete with education seminars and over 100 exhibiting vendors on February 18th. The trade fair layout is brand new with the arrangement of exhibitors, food and beverage stations, and new special exhibits that are the rage in the design and construction industry.

In an effort to create more local community involvement, the planning committee has launched its first annual international design ideas competition. Announced on August 15th, 2013, the competition calls for design ideas for a new Louisville Children’s Museum at Third Street and Broadway in downtown Louisville. The committee has received over 200 entries from 29 countries. Actual entries will be on display at the Trade Fair, where the winner will be announced at the dinner and awarded the $6,000 first place prize.

Anyone, including project owners, facility managers, and directors of construction and purchasing, considering renovating or building a new commercial project, are all welcomed and encouraged to be a part of this year’s trade fair to network with local architects, engineers and contractors. Together, these groups will find the best materials, technology and practices from the top exhibiting vendors and manufacturers in the area. Below is a schedule of the day:

8:00 AM Vendor Set-Up Begins

9:00 AM Design Ideas Competition Judging Begins

10:45 AM Choose *“3D Printing for Competitive Advantage” by* Kate Novy OR *“Resilience is the New Sustainability” by* Tien Peng, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, PMP, Boston/San Francisco

Noon Lunch Presentation: *“Designing a 21st Century Science Museum: The Exploratorium – Toward a Net-Zero Future” by* Marc L’Italien FAIA, EHDD, San Francisco

1:00-6:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open

2:00 PM *“Bullitt Center, A Living Building Challenge” by* Brian Court, AIA, LEED AP, Miller Hull Partnership, Seattle

3:45 PM *“Load Paths” by* Carol Drucker, SE, PE, P. Eng, Drucker Zajdel Structural Engineers, Naperville, Illinois

6:30 PM Dinner Presentation: *“Collaboration + Building Consensus”* & Design Competition Winner Announced *by* Scott Melching, AIA, LEED AP, BD+C, GRP, FXFOWLE Architects, New York

Registration for all attendees is now open at [www.aiacsitradefair.org](http://www.aiacsitradefair.org). Trade fair exhibit floor is free admission. Lunch costs $15 and dinner $25; a discount purchase for both lunch and dinner is $35. Registration for lunch or dinner is due by February 13th. Parking is available for a discounted fee of $6 in the parking garage at the corner of Market and Fourth Street. Continuing education credits are available for seminars. This year will be pumped with prizes all day including a $1,000 cash grand prize drawing and a $200 pre-registration cash prize drawing!

A special thanks goes to this year’s planning committee and the 2014 AIA CSI Trade Fair Sponsors Lynn Imaging, Sherwin Williams, CORT Furniture, CRS Commercial Roofing Systems of Kentucky/Johns Manville, Fastsigns Louisville and Allegion! To find more information about these sponsors, design ideas competition, general info and registration, visit [www.aiacsitradefair.org](http://www.aiacsitradefair.org).

**About the AIA CKC/CSI Trade Fair**

The AIA Central Kentucky Chapter and the CSI Louisville Chapter joined in 1987 to create the trade fair to create an event of networking and education for the local design and construction industry.

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