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IIDA AND EDMARKET ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF THE 5th ANNUAL EDSPACES INNOVATION AWARDS

KANSAS CITY, MO — The **International Interior Design Association (IIDA)** and Education Market Association (EDmarket) proudly announce the winners of the **2017 EDspaces Innovation Awards**. This competition recognizes manufacturers for excellence in product design for the learning environment. Awards were announced today at EDspaces tradeshow and conference in Kansas City, Missouri, with this year's Best of Competition honors awarded to CEF-Custom Educational Furnishings for The Edison Table.

"Design exists to improve the experience of end-users, and this year's winners exemplify outstanding educational products that are elevating the learning environment," said **IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP**. "We are so pleased to once again see form, function, and innovation on display at EDspaces."

Products were evaluated by a panel of distinguished jurors that included: **Elizabeth Bird, Affiliate IIDA**, interior designer, Incite Design Studio; **Mary Maloney, IIDA**, RID LEED AP, senior interior designer, PGAL; and **Erika Moody, IIDA**, principal, Helix Architecture + Design.

"This year's best of competition, The Edison Table, and all of the winners illustrate the type of versatile, multi-use products that present much-needed solutions in educational environments," said Moody on behalf of the jury.

The 2017 EDspaces Innovation Awards winners are as follows:

Flooring (Carpet/Rugs; Hard Flooring/Resilient)

Manufacturer: Milliken & Company

Product: Moraine

Equipment (Playground Equipment, A/V Equipment, Lectern/ Teaching Station)

Manufacturer: Bretford Manufacturing Inc.

Product: TechGuard Connect Charging Lockers

Furniture (Casegoods; Children's; Display Cases; Student Desk; Systems; Tables)

Manufacturer: CEF-Custom Educational Furnishings

Product: The Edison Table

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Manufacturer: Viggi Corp.

Product: Vidget 3-in-1 Flexible Seating System™

Seating (Classroom; Conference; Fixed; Guest; Lounge; Task)

Manufacturer: Virco Inc.

Product: Virco C2M 4-Leg Chair



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Seating (Classroom; Conference; Fixed; Guest; Lounge; Task)

Manufacturer: Howda Designz, LLC

Product: HowdaHUG® Seats

All winning products and manufacturers will be featured on the IIDA and EDmarket websites, promoted on IIDA social media networks to more than 300,000 followers, and published in an issue of *Learning by Design* magazine. For questions and more information, please contact Liz Moran, IIDA design competitions director, at lmoran@iida.org.

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