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## **Knowledge Partner IIDA to Sponsor EdSpaces Innovation Awards**

(Silver Spring, MD) — [The National School Supply and Equipment Association](#) (NSSEA) is excited to announce that the [International Interior Design Association \(IIDA\)](#) will be launching the EdSpaces Innovation Awards at the [2013 EdSpaces](#) to recognize manufacturers and designers for excellence in product design for the learning environment. IIDA is a Knowledge Partner for the event, bringing its expertise as design leaders and innovators to further position EdSpaces as the preeminent event for the educational facility design community.

“Our partnership with IIDA is instrumental in highlighting the importance of the interior designer in creating state-of-the-art learning spaces,” says NSSEA President/CEO Jim McGarry. “The EdSpaces Innovation Awards will celebrate ground-breaking product introductions and encourage new ideas and techniques in the design and furnishing of education interior spaces.”

[Find out more about the partnership.](#)



The 2013 EdSpaces Innovation Awards will celebrate outstanding new products which showcase innovation, function, and aesthetic advancements in the learning environment. The competition will be open to all exhibitors. In late September a Call for Entry will be available to the exhibitors with specific information and instructions to enter the competition. Both organizations will announce the award winners at EdSpaces and the winning products will be featured on both associations' websites.

“We are delighted to be joining with NSSEA to launch the EdSpaces Innovation Awards this fall”, says Cheryl Durst, IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO. “This new awards program will further our mission of advocating for exceptional design and revealing new design talent in the learning environment.”

[View a video interview between Jim McGarry and Cheryl Durst.](#)

In addition to the new EdSpaces Innovation Awards, IIDA has been instrumental in building the Education Conference by providing knowledge and input on design-related sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. These IDCEC-accredited sessions will focus on state-of-the-art, sustainable design and the changing face of learning environments.

[View the full education program.](#)

The International Interior Design Association is a professional networking and educational association with more than 13,000 members practicing worldwide in more than 50 countries. IIDA is committed to enhancing the quality of life through excellence in Interior Design and advancing Interior Design through knowledge, value and community. IIDA advocates for Interior Design excellence; nurtures a global Interior Design community; maintains high educational standards; and supports its members and the profession with visionary leadership.

EdSpaces is the preferred destination for school district and college officials to meet with manufacturers, dealers, architects, designers, and facilities planners to explore the impact of facilities on learning, discover new products and plan the Pre-K through higher education learning environments of tomorrow. For more information on this year's event, December 4-6, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, visit [www.Ed-Spaces.com](http://www.Ed-Spaces.com).

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