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Two Florida Organizations Welcome EDspaces 2018 with First-Ever Partnership

(*Silver Spring, MD*) — The <u>Education Market Association (EDmarket)</u> announces two new partnerships for <u>EDspaces 2018</u>, November 7-9 in Tampa, FL. For the first time, the Florida chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (<u>USGBC Florida</u>) and the Florida Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (<u>FASCD</u>) have signed on as Knowledge Partners for EDspaces.

"We are honored to have the USGBC Florida and Florida ASCD supporting EDspaces 2018 and helping ensure that the educational programming and tours represent best practices and models of healthy, high-performing schools," says Jim McGarry, President/CEO.

USGBC Florida joins their national organization, <u>USGBC's Center for Green Schools</u> in supporting EDspaces and advocating the healthy school movement of those whose jobs are to design, furnish, operate or maintain educational institutions. As part of the partnership, attendees will receive GBCI credit and attend tours of LEED Certified K-12 and Higher Ed learning environments.

"By promoting the design and construction of green schools, and by greening the operations and maintenance of existing schools, we can make a tremendous impact on student health, school operational costs and the environment," states Lee Cooke, Executive Director of USGBC Florida. "Like USGBC's Green Apple Day of Service, Green Classroom Professional Certificate, and Learning Lab, EDspaces plays an important role in communicating the importance of green schools."

Likewise, Florida ASCD is assisting EDspaces to deliver high quality content as part of their commitment to educational excellence through improved instruction, leadership and curriculum development. FASCD members include public and private school educators (Pre-K through University), business leaders, parents, community leaders, school board members and students.

"Florida ASCD is very excited to establish a strategic partnership with EDspaces to help us expand the work of our Whole Child Initiative," says Lou Whitaker, Ed. D, Vice President of the FASCD Board of Directors. "This is an ideal opportunity for our members to discuss how students learn and share what educators feel constitutes the ideal learning environment with architects and classroom designers."

EDspaces is the conference advancing the conversation about the future of learning environments. It is where innovations are unveiled and collaborations form, bringing together education's creative change agents who plan, design and manage innovative learning environments. Leaders from school districts and colleges, architects, interior designers, dealers and exhibitors engage and participate in the ongoing transformation of the learning environment. This growing event was honored in Tradeshow Executive's Fastest 50 for three categories in 2017. <u>www.ed-spaces.com</u>