IIDA ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF CURRICULUM STANDARDS REVISION PROCESS,
PARTNERS WITH CIDA ON THIS IMPORTANT FUTURE-FOCUSED PROJECT

January 31, 2007, Chicago, IL – The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) announces its support of a major standards revision project currently being conducted by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (formerly FIDER). The grant will total $15,000 toward this important work.

The Council is embarking on this project to update the standards used to measure interior design education for accreditation, the quality assurance mechanism for academic programs.

“Part of IIDA’s strategic mission is to empower the future of design. Support of the CIDA initiative is essential in creating the baseline standards for professionalism in education for the next generation of design,” stated Pam Light, FIIDA, LEED AP, 2005-2006 President of IIDA. “IIDA is pleased to be a part of this endeavor.”

“Standards must be updated regularly to advance the growing interior design profession. The world changes, work changes, and educational preparation for the profession, likewise must change to remain relevant. Standards are strong influencers of change in higher education,” stated Joe Pettipas, IIDA, 2007 Chair of the Council for Interior Design Accreditation. “We are very pleased to have the support of IIDA on this important project.”

Further information about the standards review process can be found at www.accredit-id.org.

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