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IIDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 4th ANNUAL EDSPACES INNOVATION AWARDS

NEW ORLEANS — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA), in collaboration with EDmarket, proudly announces the winners of the 2016 EDspaces Innovation Awards. The competition recognizes manufacturers and designers for excellence in product design for the learning environment. Awards were announced today at the EDspaces tradeshow and conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, with this year’s Best of Competition honors awarded to KI for Ruckus™ Collection.

“The winners of this year’s EDspaces Innovation Awards exemplify cutting-edge innovation and purposeful design,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP. “The functionality and aesthetics of these products are elevating the quality of the learning environment and represent what is next for students everywhere.”

The judging panel this year included: Christina Gonano, IIDA, RID (The Savannah College of Art and Design); Amanda Hunsucker, IIDA, KYCID, NCIDQ (Kovert Hawkins Architects); and Carrie Malatesta, IIDA, LEED AP (SHP Leading Design).

“This year, flexibility was a key element to the design of many of the winners,” said Gonano. "Manufacturers showcased thoughtful products that clearly met the need for practical, well-designed products in the learning environment.”

The 2016 EDspaces Innovation Awards winners are as follows:

EQUIPMENT
Manufacturer: Extron Electronics
Product: PlenumVault Digital Systems

FURNITURE
Manufacturer: Kimball Office
Product: KORE

SEATING
Manufacturer: KI
Product: Ruckus™ Collection

SPECIALTIES
Manufacturer: Steelcase
Product: Thread™ Ultra Thin Power Distribution

BEST OF COMPETITION
Manufacturer: KI
Product: Ruckus™ Collection
All winning products, manufacturers, and designers will be featured on the IIDA and EDmarket websites, promoted on IIDA social media networks to more than 250,000 followers, and published in an issue of Learning by Design magazine.

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