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### **Rice Design Alliance Announces Civic Forum on Hurricane Planning**

*Community discussion continues RDA's Spring Lecture Series: New Orleans: 5 Years After*

**Houston, Texas** (14 February 2011) - The Rice Design Alliance (RDA) will host a civic forum on March 9, 2011 that focuses on hurricane planning and preparation in the Houston region. RDA's spring lecture series, *New Orleans: 5 Years After*, concentrated on revitalization techniques and disaster prevention in the Crescent City. RDA hopes that similar lessons can be applied to the Houston/Galveston region in the wake of Hurricanes Rita and Ike. The forum will feature County Judge Ed Emmett and Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski and be moderated by Phil Bedient of the SSPEED Center at Rice University.

### **EVENT INFORMATION**

What: Rice Design Alliance Civic Forum

Dates: Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 7p.m.

Where: The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's Brown Auditorium in the Caroline Wiess Law Building. The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, is located at 1001 Bissonnet (enter via the Main Street door). Additional parking at The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is available until 7:00 p.m. for \$6 in the museum garage located at the corner of Binz and Fannin Streets.

### **ABOUT RICE DESIGN ALLIANCE (RDA)**

The Rice Design Alliance is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of architecture, urban design, and the built environment in the Houston region through educational programs, the publication of *Cite: The Architecture + Design Review of Houston*, and active programs to initiate physical improvements. Membership is open to the general public.