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RDA Announces 2011 Initiatives for Houston Grant Program

RDA is pleased to announce its twelfth annual grants program for students and faculty of the Rice School of Architecture, the University of Houston Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture, the College of Architecture at Prairie View, and the Department of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at Texas Southern University.

RDA will make separate awards of up to \$5,000 each to a student and a faculty winner.

The Initiatives for Houston grants program focuses on Houston's built environment, its history, present condition, and future development. A variety of regional projects will be considered, including historic research, speculative studies and projects, problem solving and planning projects, and studies that document the conditions of the city and its architecture. Proposals will be evaluated in terms of their potential for making a significant contribution to our understanding of the city and/or the region.

Projects must describe a dissemination component, which may be in the form of a paper or manuscript, exhibit, or a video or other presentation. In addition, the results of the project may be presented by the grantees in a public lecture or published in the Rice Design Alliance journal, *Cite*. Awards of up to \$5,000 are available for projects to be completed in one year. More than one proposal in each category, student or faculty, may be funded. Past award-winning proposals are available for review in the architecture libraries of the participating schools.

The total application must include:

- A completed application
- A written proposal for the project (one to three pages), describing goals, expected outcomes, work plan, and schedule for the project, and a discussion of its significance. Applicants also should describe past work in the area of the proposed research.
- Resume for each participant
- Students will need a faculty advisor and a letter of support.
- A project budget (equipment such as computers, digital cameras, etc. may not be included)

Applications will be due March 25, 2011. Please mail application and supporting materials to:

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