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Top 10 Announced in People's Choice Architecture Competition

Tallahassee, Fla – The “Top 10” buildings in the 2018 AIA Florida People’s Choice Competition were announced during the association’s annual convention in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. in late July. The fifth annual People’s Choice Competition, launched on June 20, is sponsored by the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) and the Florida Foundation for Architecture. Over one million votes were cast from 14 countries and 21 states.

“The competition was quite fierce,” said Vicki Long, CAE, Hon. AIA, AIA Florida executive vice president. “Three top contenders were in a continuous back and forth race for first place, but the Institute for Human Machine Cognition held its late lead and captured the race! It was exciting to see the votes coming in fast and furious.”

The competition highlights the work of Florida’s architects, who are skilled professionals that help meet the needs of communities through innovative building design. A total of 39 buildings around the state were included in the contest for 2018.

The top 10 are:

1. Institute for Human Machine Cognition, Pensacola. Designed by Quina Grundhoefer Architects
2. Tampa Riverwalk, Tampa. Designed by Kimley-Horn and Associates.
3. The Care Point Health & Wellness Center, Tallahassee. Designed by BKJ, Inc. Architecture.
4. Kate Tiedemann College of Business, St. Petersburg. Designed by Harvard Jolly Architecture and ikon.5 Architects.
5. Animal Services and Protection Center, Doral. Designed by LIVS Associates.
6. Broward Addiction Recovery Center, Fort Lauderdale. Designed by SaltzMichelson Architects, Inc.
7. Cowford Chophouse, Jacksonville. Designed by Tom Reynolds, Design Cooperative.
8. Broward Animal Care & Adoption Facility, Fort Lauderdale. Designed by LIVS Associates.

9. Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall Renovation, Sarasota. Designed by Taliesin Associated Architects.
10. Siesta Key New Public Pavilion, Siesta Key. Designed by Sweet Sparkman Architects.

“We hope to work with the owners of these buildings to host open door events this October,” said Florida Foundation for Architecture President, Peter Jones, AIA. “The plan is to have the architects of the buildings on hand to provide tours and answer questions about the design process that the public may have.”

“In October, we host open door events for the top ten,” said Peter W. Jones, AIA, Chair of the Florida Foundation for Architecture. “We invite the public to come out and meet the architects who designed the buildings. This is a great opportunity to tour the space and learn more about the design process.”

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