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ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION TO PARTNER WITH COULTER NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

New Partnership to Elevate EDRA's Organizational Efforts

(McLean, VA, August 2, 2010) – [Environmental Design Research Association](http://www.edra.org) (EDRA), the leading organization in environmental design research, is pleased to announce its new and exciting partnership with Coulter Nonprofit Management. The McLean-based Coulter Nonprofit Management (a division of [The Coulter Companies](http://www.coultercos.com)) will position the organization to streamline its business and strategic operations. Leading this venture, Kate O'Donnell will serve as EDRA's Executive Director and will work closely with the organization's ten-member Board of Directors to promote, elevate and extend EDRA's vision and commitment to its members.

"EDRA's Board of Directors is working with Coulter Nonprofit Management to raise EDRA to a new level," said Lynne Dearborn, Ph.D., EDRA's 2010-2011 Chair. "Coulter has a great track record of working with other innovative, high-potential organizations and we believe they will energize and help us guide EDRA."

Founded in 1968, EDRA is an international organization of design professionals, social scientists, scholars and practitioners. Its conferences and publications explore the relationship between people and their physical surroundings, suggesting how environmental design can be more responsive to human needs.

"We are excited to join our cultures and collective skills in a strategic and operational collaboration that will fuel EDRA's vision and innovation," said Tom Gibson, CEO of The Coulter Companies. "The expertise we've developed in working with other high-potential organizations will help EDRA strengthen its organizational capacity and provide improved membership benefits."

About EDRA:

The Environmental Design Research Association is an international, interdisciplinary organization founded by design professionals, social scientists, students, educators and facility managers. The purpose of EDRA is the advancement and dissemination of environmental design research, thereby improving understanding of the interrelationships between people, their built and natural surroundings, and helping to create environments responsive to human needs. For more information on the organization, membership and services provided, visit www.edra.org.

About Coulter Nonprofit Management:

Founded in 1989, Coulter Nonprofit Management is not your typical association management company. Coulter Nonprofit Management works with socially principled, high-potential organizations whose success intertwines business excellence with societal purpose. We very consciously choose to serve clients who mirror our values and ethos. As one of fewer than two percent of association management companies worldwide to earn Charter Accreditation from both the Association Management Company Institute and the American Society of Association Executives, Coulter Nonprofit Management has perfected the operating systems and business processes that fuel client success. Visit www.coultercos.com for more information.

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