

Changing Spaces - Airport Design Contest

Submission Deadline: Friday, August 31, 2018

The Changing Spaces Campaign is a US based initiative born out of the UK movement, Changing Places, that brings awareness of the need for enhanced restroom facilities for persons unable to safely and comfortably use a standard accessible restroom. A Changing Spaces facility addresses not only the need for more space, but also the need for adult-size powered changing tables and optional features such as a hoist/lifting system, privacy curtain, and non-slip flooring.

Currently, standard family restrooms are equipped with baby changing tables that are unsafe for use by anyone over 20lbs, thus creating a hazard to those that exceed this limit. Often times, due to these inadequate toileting areas, the restroom floor becomes the only option for assisting a loved one. Regardless of age or ability level, everyone deserves a safe, dignified, and hygienic changing experience.

Airports across the United States are invited to submit a design plan for the Changing Spaces Contest that meets the criteria listed below. While only the First Prize winner will be required to carry out their design and build a Changing Space, all submissions must be approved by the respective airport representative(s).

To learn more about the Changing Spaces Campaign and Contest, please visit:
<http://www.changingspacescampaign.com/>

Prizes & Sponsors

First Prize - \$10,000 to the winning airport – Sponsored by Open Doors Organization

Second Prize – Powered Adult Size Changing Table (Model 2000) – Sponsored by Pressalit Care North America and MaxAbility

Third Prize - \$500 toward purchase of Changing Spaces equipment – Sponsored by Changing Spaces Initiative

Contest Objectives - To recognize and celebrate design originality and excellence in conceptualizing a safe, effective and efficient Changing Spaces solution for airports within the continental United States which will serve as a benchmark for future US domestic airport disability design projects.

Evaluation Criteria - Submission will be evaluated on its effectiveness in satisfying the sanitary changing requirements of individuals with disabilities in designated US airports' "Changing Spaces" providing a safe, comfortable and efficient experience for users

while demonstrating innovative solutions to the challenges of accommodating adults with disabilities in transit.

Entry Information

Please review the official Contest Submission Requirements (below).

This contest is open to domestic airports within the United States and requires a project start date within the 2019 calendar year.

Important Dates

In an effort to recognize the extensive process for the planning and approval of new airport construction, the contest has been divided into phases giving interested airports one year from the "contest open" date to the "final submission deadline".

Phase 1 – Intent to Participate

Each interested party will submit a letter of intent to the Design Competition Coordinator stating their airport's interest in participating in the Changing Spaces contest. This letter should be on official company letterhead and include the contact information for the project lead.

Phase 2 – Preliminary Construction Plan

A preliminary construction plan will be submitted that includes the planned location for the Changing Spaces facility and a general construction timeline with a start date before December 31, 2019.

Competition Opens – Friday, August 31, 2018

Phase 1 Deadline – Friday, November 30, 2018

Phase 2 Deadline – Thursday, January 31, 2019

Final Submission Deadline – Friday, June 28, 2019

See below for final submission requirements.

Awards Announcement – Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Contact

For more information or for questions about this competition, please contact Kisha Smith or Candice Aaron Design Competition Coordinator at changingspacesGA@gmail.com or Melissa Nowitz at men@pressalit.com

Final Submission Requirements

- Project Description: No more than 500 words including objectives and how they were met, design challenges, technological and/or material innovations, social and environmental impact. Project descriptions must NOT contain the name or logo of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer. A build start date before December 31, 2019 is required and must be included in the project description*. See reference on p.5
- Project specs: No more than 300 words including dimensions, materials, fabrication techniques, manufacturing/building process.
- Images: You may submit up to 20 images and/or drawings/renderings in pdf or cad (.dwg) format. Images must NOT contain the name or logo of the designer, architect, firm, company, client or manufacturer.
- Video: Entrants are encouraged to share videos of their work that help to communicate the design excellence of the project. It is preferred that the video is shared via web link (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo), but we will accept direct uploads in .mov, .mp4 or .mpg format with a file size less than 1 GB. Please use #ChangingSpaces, #CSAirportContest when sharing on social media.

Design Requirements

- Restroom **MUST** include powered, height adjustable, adult- sized changing table
- Wheelchair turning radius as required by law when table is in stowed or folded up position. Note: This is a minimum size requirement

The following are additions are optional but encouraged:

- Height adjustable sink
- Ceiling hoist and track
- Sanitary accessories (such as a flexible shower head)
- Privacy Curtain
- 67" turning radius* See reference on p.5

Judging Criteria

Each project is evaluated on its own merits according to the following criteria:

- **Aesthetics:** Is the design contemporary, visually and intellectually stimulating? Have the preferences of individuals with disabilities been taken into consideration when determining color scheme, lighting options, and wall/floor patterns?
- **Function:** How well does it serve its intended use? Does it effectively resolve problems? Is the design universal? Does it promote safety, comfort and efficiency when handling adult size individuals? Does it accommodate the needs and safety of caregivers?
- **Creativity:** Does it incorporate a unique approach; use a new medium or materials? Is it technologically innovative, forward-looking?
- **Social and Environmental Responsibility:** Does it make respectful use of materials and resources? Will it endure for a long life span? Does it use recycled materials? Does it provide a social benefit?
- **Location:** Is the location of the facility easily accessible and conveniently placed to accommodate departing, arriving, and connecting travelers? Are there minimal potential barriers for accessing the facility? For example, if a person using a wheelchair is required to use an elevator to get to the facility, and the elevator is out of order, this would cause a barrier to accessing the space.
- **Floor plan arrangement:** Does the design of the space allow for full use of each feature without restrictions? If someone with a wheelchair is in the facility with their family and/or caregiver, are the changing table, sink, toilet, etc. in reach and easily accessed?

Prizes

- The **winning design** will be awarded **\$10,000.00** and featured in the Open Doors Organization newsletter and website along with websites of Changing Spaces GA, Pressalit Care, and MaxAbility.
- The **second place winner** will receive a free Model 2000 Pressalit Care powered, adult- sized, height adjustable changing table with website mention.

- The **third place winner** will receive a \$500 gift certificate toward the purchase of equipment used for the Changing Spaces restroom model and website mention.
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Social Media

Suggested social media handles:

#CSAirportContest

#CSAC

#inclusion #airport #changingspaces #contest

Submission

To be directed to submission page [click here](#)

Reference

- See ICC proposed code here.
- By entering this competition, you agree to **a start build date in the year 2019**. If you are a winner and do not start to build in 2019 then you forfeit your prize and will have to return it.
- Examples of similar designs from Changing Spaces UK