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PAVE Announces 12th Annual Gala

Hollywood, Fla. (July 24, 2008)--More than 400 retail luminaries will gather for cocktails, dinner, music, and awards at the Planning and Visual Education Partnership's (PAVE) 2008 Gala, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Gotham Hall in New York. The event will be followed by a new After Party from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Now in its 12th year, the Gala event is a major fundraiser for PAVE.

The event will recognize the best in New York City retail design and visual merchandising, with excellence in visual merchandising awards presented by VMSD and best NYC windows presented by DDI. Macy's, the corporate sponsor of PAVE's 2008 Student Design Competition, will announce winners of the competition and distribute financial grants on behalf of PAVE. And PAVE will present the second annual Rising Star Awards to recognize young visual and retail design professionals in our industry.

Chairing the 2008 event are Nancy Jackson, president, Architectural Systems Inc., and Linda Lombardi, director, store design, Chico's Corporate.

Various levels of sponsorships are available, ranging from sponsoring the awards program to sponsoring a student or educator to attend the event. Gala journal sponsorships are also available. Sponsorships may be tax-deductible as a charitable donation.

For complete Gala details, including sponsorship and table reservation forms, as well as a list of our current event sponsors, please visit www.paveinfo.org.

The PAVE Gala will be held during The NADI Show. For details about The NADI Show, please visit www.thenadishow.com.

About PAVE

Founded in 1992, The Planning and Visual Education Partnership's (PAVE) objective is to encourage students to study in the field of retail design and planning and visual merchandising through its annual Student Design Competition. Additionally, PAVE seeks to encourage retail management, store planners, visual merchandisers, architects, and manufacturers to interact with and support design students. This is accomplished through projects, seminars, workshops, and the annual fundraising Gala with proceeds dedicated to educational programs and projects benefiting students. PAVE is a 501(c)(3) educational foundation administered by A.R.E.