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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ANNOUNCES 2018 CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE

The **Prairie Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)** will host the **2018 Central States Conference**, themed “*Placemaking, Partnerships and the Public Realm*”. The thirteenth annual Central States Conference will be held at the **Kansas City Marriott Downtown, April 11-13, 2018**. Central States represents six chapters and eight states. Representatives from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas will gather in Kansas City to learn, celebrate landscape architecture, and foster camaraderie.

This year’s theme of “*Placemaking, Partnerships, and the Public Realm*” will be the foundation of the conference speakers and educational sessions that will be hosted throughout the day Thursday and Friday. Industry exhibitors will showcase the latest industry trends throughout the conference. Additional schedule information to follow at a later date.

Additionally, the 2018 Central States Conference will play host to two awards ceremonies. Join us Friday for the Central States Awards luncheon and Friday evening for the Prairie Gateway Awards Gala. Wonderful regional works will be recognized at these events and are sure to inspire.

A number of social events will be available to conference guests. Local food and spirits will be showcased, including Joe’s Kansas City BBQ and Boulevard Beer at Boulevard Brewing Company.

**About ASLA**

The Prairie Gateway Chapter of The American Society of Landscape Architects (PGASLA) promotes the *development, education and awareness of the landscape architecture profession throughout Kansas and Western Missouri*. PGASLA members are dedicated to inspiring the public through work that enhances natural and built environments.

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