## The Waterfront Center's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Excellence on the Waterfront Half-Day Conference, Awards Ceremony and Reception

## Friday, October 21, 2016

1:30 – 7:00 p.m. The Churchill Hotel 1914 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, D.C.

**NEW FOR 2016**! We are excited to announce that the October 21<sup>st</sup> awards event is being expanded to half a day so the attendees will not only witness the awards ceremony, but also hear first-hand presentations by the winners. This promises to be a very interesting mini-conference. A champagne reception will wind up the day at The Churchill, a boutique hotel on Connecticut Avenue. A press release announcing the winners will to out in early August and the names of the presenters posted on our web site. Charles Flynn, executive director of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, Yuma Arizona, this year's jury chair, will preside. Fee will include conference attendance and the reception.

## Gala Dinner Honoring the 2016 Winners and Celebrating the Center's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PLUS Be the First to See the "Trailer" for Documentary Film<sup>-</sup> *Waterfronts Reborn*

7:30 p.m. 2101 Connecticut Avenue NW Washington, D.C.

**SOMETHING EXTRA SPECIAL!** Gala guests will be the *very first* to see the trailer for the documentary film, "Waterfronts Reborn" that the Center is producing to celebrate it's anniversary. The filmmaker and producer Jonathan Dann has worked at the highest levels of network broadcasting (NBC. CBS, **PBS, CNBC, A&E**), collaborating with some of the most respected names in the business. Jonathan will be on hand to help introduce the film. Plans are afoot to create an hour-long documentary highlighting the urban waterfront phenomenon in general with four-to-five case studies. The trailer features the dramatic transformation of the Buffalo Bayou in Houston.

The Optional 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner will take place in a private room at the historic 2101 Connecticut Avenue apartment building in Washington, D.C.