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Margaret Calkins, Ph.D, CAPS, EDAC, is widely recognized as an expert in the creation and evaluation of long-term care settings, particularly for individuals with dementia. She is President of I.D.E.A.S., Inc., and Chair of the Board of the IDEAS Institute, both of which seek to improve environments for elders through the conduct of rigorous, applied research, dissemination of evidence-based information and resources, and individual partnering with designers and care providers.

With the publication of her first book Design for Dementia in 1988, Dr. Calkins has been at the forefront of elder-supportive design. Although a small company with 5 employees, I.D.E.A.S., Inc. has received over $5m in research grants from the National Institute of Health. She is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences in the US and abroad, making over 20 presentations annually.

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