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Announcing the 2015 IREM® REME Award Finalists

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The Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM®) announces the first-ever finalists for its REME Awards Program – recognizing **Real Estate Management Excellence** (www.irem.org/remefinalists). This accomplished, impressive group showcases the depth and breadth of those innovating to improve the places we live, work and shop today.

The IREM® REME Awards celebrate excellence in real estate management through:

- Recognizing real estate management companies and individual practitioners for innovative, leading-edge, business practices and initiatives
- Sharing successful initiatives and fostering innovation within the real estate management industry
- Recognizing companies and individuals of all asset classes—commercial and residential—and of any size, whether local, regional, national, or international

“The pool of submittals for this first year of the REME Awards were impressive and demonstrated innovation and great contributions to the real estate management profession and the industry, and the finalists stood out as truly exceptional.” says Renee Savage, CPM®, CCIM, REME Award Committee Chair, Capital Growth Properties, AMO®, San Diego, California.

“IREM is proud to recognize the 2015 REME Award finalists for their outstanding achievements in real estate management,” says Lori Burger, CPM®, IREM President, Eugene Management Burger Corporation, AMO®, Rohnert Park, California. “And we are very pleased to have ABM as the founding sponsor for the REME Award Program.”

The REME Awards are unique recognitions of professional achievement in property management because they honor companies and professionals who advance their profession and deliver exceptional service and value.

“A REME Award on display in your office tells anyone who walks in the door—clients, tenants, residents, colleagues—that you or your company have achieved something extraordinary,” says Michael T. Lanning, CPM®, IREM® Secretary/Treasurer, DTZ, AMO®, Kansas City, Missouri. “It’s a conversation starter and a door opener to unlock new business opportunities. Congratulations to these worthy finalists.”

Finalists will be recognized and winners announced at the Inaugural Gala Dinner and REME Awards event in Salt Lake City, UT, on October 23, 2015, as part of the IREM® Executive Edge educational conference. For more information about Executive Edge or for tickets to the Gala Dinner, visit: www.irem.org/events/irem-executive-edge.

2015 IREM® REME Award Finalists

Corporate Categories – Recognizing Real Estate Management Companies:

Leadership Category Finalists

Outstanding and innovative leadership that transformed the corporation as a whole, a team or a program related to leadership development, succession planning, workforce development, employee engagement, employee onboarding, or engagement of newcomers to the industry.

Coldwell Banker Commercial Advisors

Salt Lake City, Utah

Their Asset Services division developed and executed a successful strategy retreat to build teamwork, increase productivity and efficiency, pinpoint challenges, set priorities and provide direction for growth.

DDG Property Management

New York, New York

Their ThreeSixty Leadership program creates leadership opportunities for property management professionals through experiences that broaden their knowledge base, enhance skills, encourage personal growth and spark interest in the industry.

Porco Consulting

Madison, Wisconsin

Their Client Centered Management (CCM) model was developed to address the need for both community and individual development through programs such as Community Learning Centers that focus on education and employment for low-income communities.

Work Place Environment Category Finalists

Innovative corporate business practices in the work place/work environment for programs related to sustainability, corporate culture, technology or marketing.

Coldwell Banker Commercial Advisors, AMO®

Salt Lake City, Utah

A bonus and incentive program for property managers as an employee retention strategy.

Greystar
Dallas, Texas

A property transitions platform that provides a scalable solution for single- and multi-property portfolios.

MEB Management Services, AMO®
Phoenix, Arizona

Big Audacious Miracle (BAM) – a program focused on ending homelessness and encouraging employees to reach out to local communities with the goal of making sure that every person has a home.

Corporate Responsibility Finalists

Exemplary corporate responsibility and contributions to the community that enhance the reputation of the real estate management industry.

Bentall Kennedy
Toronto, Canada

Their ForeverGreen strategy focuses on reducing the amount that is sent to landfills while driving improvements in waste diversion numbers, including an E-Waste Challenge for shopping centers during Earth Week, a “coffee footprint” program to repurpose coffee grounds into sustainable soil, and a program to repurpose diseased trees into valuable wood products.

Caritas Communities, Inc.
Braintree, Massachusetts

Their Housing First program is a strategic initiative to house chronically homeless individuals with the goal of breaking the cycle of homelessness through stabilization, services and quality housing.

Continental Management, LLC
Bingham Farms, Michigan

Their Summer Workforce program provides valuable work and educational experiences for teenagers who live on the company’s low-income managed communities.

Cushman & Wakefield, AMO®
Los Angeles, California

Their Utility Connect initiative focuses on providing relevant and timely information, streamlined implementation processes, and ongoing efficiency support to the commercial real estate industry by integrating energy efficiency measures into the natural life cycles of a building.

FirstService Residential, AMO®
New York, New York

Formed FS Energy subsidiary to help clients increase energy efficiency, and developed a benchmarking database that provides an Energy Aggregation Purchasing Program Energy and Report Card to help clients reduce energy costs.

**Rappaport Management Company, AMO®
McClellan, Virginia**

Involved in the Skyland Workforce Center initiative that enables people in the community to connect with jobs and services and to prepare for employment.

**Tower Companies
Rockville, Maryland**

Employs real time energy and water monitoring, examines consumption and utilization analytics, partners with experts to identify opportunities and recommend improvement strategies, and commits to attainable goals that achieve a positive impact on the environment.

AMO® of the Year Finalists

Outstanding performance by a firm that holds the AMO® accreditation.

Ayre & Oxford, AMO®
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Blanton Turner, AMO®
Seattle, Washington

Draper and Kramer, Incorporated, AMO®
Chicago, Illinois

Individual Categories – Recognizing Real Estate Management Practitioners:

CPM® of the Year Finalists

Outstanding performance and dedication by an IREM® Member who holds the CPM® designation.

Brad Ashley, CPM®
CBRE, AMO®
Kansas City, Missouri

LaTonia Harris, CPM®, ARM®
WPM Real Estate Management, LLC, AMO® Company
Owings Mills, Maryland

Richard Lee, CPM®
Cushman & Wakefield, AMO®
San Francisco, California

Julie Muir, CPM®
Newmark Grubb Knight Frank
Portland, Oregon

Dr. Deborah Phillips, CPM®
The Quadrillion

McDonough, Georgia

Chrystal Skead, CPM[®], ARM[®]
Bentall Kennedy (Canada) LP
Calgary, AB, Canada

Karen Whitt, CPM[®]
Colliers International, AMO[®]
Washington, DC

ARM[®] of the Year Finalists

Outstanding performance and dedication by an IREM[®] Member who holds the ARM[®] certification.

Doris Granger, ARM[®]
Fairfield Residential
Orlando, Florida

Duane Komine, ARM[®]
Hokua
Honolulu, Hawaii

Candace Le Roux, CPM[®], ARM[®]
Bentall Kennedy (Canada) LP
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Timothy Kramer, ARM[®]
Draper and Kramer, Incorporated, AMO[®]
Chicago, Illinois

About IREM[®]

IREM[®] (www.irem.org) is an international community of real estate managers dedicated to ethical business practices, maximizing the value of investment real estate, and promoting superior management through education and information sharing. An affiliate of the National Association of REALTORS[®], IREM is the home for all industry professionals connected to real estate management – and the only organization serving both the multi-family and commercial sectors. IREM[®] believes good management matters, and well-managed properties pay dividends in terms of value and in the quality of life for residents, tenants and customers.

IREM[®] offers a variety of membership types for professionals of every experience level, from on-site managers to high-level executives. IREM[®] credentials, earned by meeting high standards of education, experience, and ethical business practices, include: CPM[®], ARM[®], ACoM, and AMO[®]. To learn more about IREM, call 800-837-0706, ext. 4650 (outside the United States, call 312-329-60000), or visit www.irem.org.

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