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Baltimore SmartCEO Announces the 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards Finalists

30 leaders to be honored for business excellence in SmartCEO's Circle of Excellence program

Baltimore, MD (Aug. 19, 2016) — Baltimore SmartCEO is pleased to announce the 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards finalists. The Circle of Excellence program recognizes the area's most accomplished business leaders for their industry impact and market leadership. The 2016 Circle of Excellence finalists collectively generate nearly \$606 million in annual revenue and employ 2,257 individuals in Greater Baltimore. This year's finalists will be profiled in the November/December issue of *Baltimore SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards ceremony on Nov. 15, 2016 at the B&O Railroad Museum.

Please see below for a complete list of finalists and for program details. To share in the excitement leading up to the event, follow us @SmartCEO #COEawards.

“The Circle of Excellence finalists are shaping the future of Baltimore’s business community and ensuring the sustainability, safety and efficiency of our community for years to come,” says Jaime Nespor-Zawmon, President of SmartCEO. “We proudly recognize their successes and contributions, and we believe that their impact will make a difference for customers and clients across the nation.”

The Circle of Excellence Awards ceremony on Nov. 15, 2016 is an expected sell-out event where more than 300 local executives and guests will gather to celebrate and honor Baltimore’s top business leaders who have successfully taken their companies to the forefront of their chosen industries. The event will kick off with a networking reception, followed by a video-packed awards ceremony that will announce winners in the following categories: Construction, Government Contracting, Manufacturing, Professional Services and Technology.



2016 Circle of Excellence Awards

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: B&O Railroad Museum
901 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21223

Attire: Business Cocktail

2016 Circle of Excellence Awards Finalists

Construction – Small

Avena Contracting, LLC

Frank Avena

Charm City Builders

Tyler Banks

JLN Construction Services, LLC

Namdi C. Iwuoha

Rocchi Construction, Inc.

Armand Shank

Construction – Large

Delbert Adams Construction Group, LLC

Delbert Adams

The Fireline Corporation

Anna Gavin

Iacoboni Site Specialists, Inc.

Thomas Iacoboni

North Point Builders, Inc.

Kenneth W. Wingate

Government Contracting

GRSi

David Affeldt

Phoenix Operations Group

Greg Kamigawachi

Visual Connections LLC

Frederick Deese

Manufacturing

Holmatro, Inc.

John Freeburger Sr.

Mann-Pak, Inc.

Scott Manning

Michele's Granola

Michele Tsucalas

Professional Services – Small

**BOC (Board of
Certification/Accreditation)**

Claudia Zacharias, MBA, CAE

**Mimar Ponte Mellor Architects &
Engineers**

Kal I. Bhatti, AIA, NCARB

Symphony Placements

Wanda Smith

TRACE Inc.

Alexandra Wrage

Professional Services – Large

**Chesapeake Employers' Insurance
Company**

Thomas Phelan, CPA

Contracting Resources Group, Inc.

Dina P. DiPalo

Hamilton Bank

Robert (Bob) DeAlmeida

HMC Inc.

Kara DiPietro



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Technology – Small

Direct Dimensions

Michael Raphael

FiberPlex Technologies, LLC

Buddy Oliver

OmegaCor Technologies

Nabil Sheikh

Tier One Technology Partners

David Shaffer

Technology – Large

Convergence Technology Consulting LLC

Larry Letow

DATUM LLC

Will Crump

Dynanet Corporation

Sean Peay

INNOPLEX, LLC

Philip A. Green

About the Circle of Excellence Awards

The Circle of Excellence Awards program recognizes the region's most accomplished CEOs for business excellence in distinct categories. Companies are nominated from all size and industry categories, public or private. Each year, an independent committee of local business leaders selects the winners based on their industry impact and market leadership. Finalists are profiled in the November/December issue of *SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards reception in November, where the winners are announced live.

About SmartCEO

SmartCEO's mission is to educate and inspire the business community through its award-winning magazine, connections at C-level events and access to valuable online resources. SmartCEO's integrated media platforms reach decision makers in the Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Long Island, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.

For more information about the 2017 Circle of Excellence Awards nomination process and sponsorship opportunities, email Jolene Lutz at jolene@smartceo.com.

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