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**Baltimore SmartCEO Celebrated 30 Industry Leaders  
at the 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards, Nov. 15**

*More than 250 CEOs and decision-makers joined SmartCEO in honoring  
the 2016 Circle of Excellence finalists and winners at a high-energy celebration*

**Baltimore, MD (Nov. 16, 2016)** — Baltimore SmartCEO celebrated the area's most accomplished business leaders for their industry impact and market leadership at the 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards, which took place on Nov. 15, 2016 at the B&O Railroad Museum. This year's finalists and winners collectively generate nearly \$606 million in annual revenue and employ 2,257 individuals in Greater Baltimore. Their inspiring stories of achievement were published in the November/December issue of *Baltimore SmartCEO* magazine.

*Please see below for a complete list of finalists and winners. For more information on this year's Circle of Excellence winners, visit [smartceo.com/baltimore-circle-excellence](http://smartceo.com/baltimore-circle-excellence) to read their inspiring stories.*

“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 Nespore-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.”

More than 250 executives and decision-makers attended the high-energy celebration to honor the 2016 Circle of Excellence Awards finalists and winners and their achievements. The evening kicked off with a cocktail and networking reception, followed by the announcement of Rachel Garbow Monroe, president and CEO of The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, as Baltimore SmartCEO’s 2016 CEO of the Year. A video-packed awards presentation commemorated Greater Baltimore’s top companies in Construction, Government Contracting, Manufacturing, Professional Services and Technology.



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**2016 Circle of Excellence Awards Finalists and Winners**

Construction – Small

**Avena Contracting, LLC**

Frank Avena

**Charm City Builders (Winner)**

Tyler Banks

**JLN Construction Services, LLC**

Namdi C. Iwuoha

**Rocchi Construction, Inc.**

Armand Shank

Construction – Large

**Delbert Adams Construction Group, LLC**

Delbert Adams and Taylor Classen

**The Fireline Corporation (Winner)**

Anna Gavin

**Iacoboni Site Specialists, Inc.**

Thomas Iacoboni

**North Point Builders, Inc.**

Kenneth W. Wingate

Government Contracting

**GRSi (Winner)**

David Affeldt

**Phoenix Operations Group**

Greg Kamigawachi

**Visual Connections LLC**

Frederick Deese

Manufacturing

**Holmatro, Inc. (Winner)**

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

Professional Services – Small (ctd.)

**Mimar Ponte Mellor Architects & Engineers**

Kal I. Bhatti, AIA, NCARB

**Symphony Placements**

Wanda Smith

**TRACE Inc. (Winner)**

Alexandra Wrage

Professional Services – Large

**Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company (Winner)**

Thomas Phelan, CPA

**Contracting Resources Group, Inc.**

Dina P. DiPalo

**Hamilton Bank**

Robert (Bob) DeAlmeida

**HMC Inc.**

Kara DiPietro

Technology – Small

**Direct Dimensions**

Michael Raphael

**FiberPlex Technologies, LLC**

Buddy Oliver and Cyndi Peters

**OmegaCor Technologies (Winner)**

Nabil Sheikh

**Tier One Technology Partners**

David Shaffer

Technology – Large

**Convergence Technology Consulting LLC**

Larry Letow

**DATUM LLC (Winner)**

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](mailto:jolene@smartceo.com).

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