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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 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 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.”

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



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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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