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### NAIOP NC Announces 2018 Award Winners at Statewide Conference

**Raleigh, NC – March 27, 2018** – NAIOP North Carolina, comprised of NAIOP Charlotte, NAIOP Piedmont Triad, and NAIOP Raleigh Durham, held its annual statewide conference March 22-23, 2018 at the Pinehurst Resort, where over 275 commercial real estate professionals were in attendance. At the conference, NAIOP NC announced the 2018 award winners, recognizing individuals and companies who positively influence our community and industry.

#### 2018 AWARD WINNERS

##### **Developer of the Year – Andy Andrews, Dominion Realty Partners**

This award is given to a developer that demonstrates consistent excellence in the quality of projects within their portfolio; supports the Commercial Real Estate Industry through NAIOP by active participation of programs and initiatives; and has a quality investment and sustainable positive economic impact in North and South Carolina. This year's winner is a NAIOP champion and a leader in NC development. With over 30 years of investing and developing in NC, a focus on high quality, high value assets with eco friendly design principles, and a firm that has completed over \$2.5 billion in real estate transactions, 3.6M SF in office projects and over 3,500 residential units, we are honored to announce Andy Andrews, Dominion Realty Partners as the 2018 Developer of the Year.

##### **Project of the Year (Redevelopment) – Bailey Power Plant, Winston-Salem, NC submitted by Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce Architects, PA**

Located in the heart of Innovation Quarter in downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the newly renovated Bailey Power Plant building is the district's newest addition, and the final renovation within the historic district. Originally constructed in 1947 to provide steam and electricity to the surrounding R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, the building has been reincarnated as a mixed-use workplace and entertainment hub – creating a new kind of energy for this growing district. The site was developed by Wexford Science + Technology. Core and shell building design was provided by Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce Architects, PA, with site design by Stimmel & Associates. Engineered Concepts, Consulting Engineering Services, and Greensboro Engineering provided core and shell engineering services. Core and shell construction was managed by Whiting-Turner.

##### **Project of the Year (New Development) – AvidXchange, Charlotte, NC submitted by Brasfield & Gorrie**

AvidXchange (Avid) is a new 201,450 sq ft corporate headquarters office building with a six-story, two-bay, 787-space precast parking deck. The new facility consolidates staff from three office locations, greatly improving collaboration and efficiency across departments. The vibrant new space is intended to support recruitment and retention of the company's software developers. All design decisions were based on three of Avid's core values: transparency, community, and collaboration. Located on a 5.6-acre site, the exterior reflects the surrounding industrial landscape presented by the existing Music Factory venue warehouse buildings with brick veneer,

architectural precast, and metal. Completed in April 2017, the office building is located at the AvidXchange Music Factory, which is quickly evolving as a hub for technology companies. This design-build project is the first of two planned headquarters buildings and was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

**Developing Leader of the Year – Neill Sherron, Longfellow Real Estate Partners**

Neill is the Director of Leasing for Longfellow and is the lead on the North Carolina portfolio. He also assists with acquisitions and development. Neill currently serves on the NAIOP Raleigh Durham Developing Leaders Board of Directors and is active with the program committee. In 2016 he played a key role on planning for the NAIOP Raleigh Durham Bus Tour and is serving as the co-chairman for the same event in 2018.

**Member of the Year (Raleigh Durham) – Whitney Rodgers, Solutions pdm**

Whitney is a Licensed Real Estate Broker in the State of North Carolina and a LEED AP BD+C professional. She is a member of NAIOP Raleigh-Durham where she serves on the board of directors and chairs the Program Committee. With over 12 years of experience in the industry, Whitney has provided services across a range of market segments including Interiors, Pharmaceutical, Lab, Higher Education, Data Center, Parking Deck, Green Building, and Healthcare.

**Member of the Year (Piedmont Triad) – James Mitchell, Smith Leonard PLLC**

James joined NAIOP in 2009 and has served in many capacities continuously throughout the last 8 years as a Director, chapter Treasurer, and chapter President. James has over 25 years of experience serving privately-held, public and not-for-profit companies, including 3 years serving as CFO/Controller of a privately owned construction company. He is active in Smith Leonards’s recruiting efforts as well as leads the Smith Leonard construction and real estate, education, and other not-for-profit practice groups. He is also heavily involved with many of the firm’s manufacturing, distribution, and international clients.

**Member of the Year (Charlotte) – Alyson Craig, UNC Charlotte | Childress Klein Center for Real Estate**

Alyson Craig is the Co-Director of the Childress-Klein Center for Real Estate and the Director for the Master of Science in Real Estate program. She teaches several courses within the graduate real estate program, including Real Estate Development, Site Planning, International Real Estate Study Tour, and Real Estate Capstone. Prior to joining the faculty, Craig worked for Grubb Properties’ Investment team as a development and acquisition associate to identify and analyze potential office, multi-family, and mixed use deals. Before moving to Charlotte in 2011, she was Vice President of a planning and engineering firm in Florida working with clients on development agreements, rezonings, and annexations for large multi-use land development projects.

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NAIOP North Carolina is made up of the Charlotte, Piedmont Triad, and Raleigh Durham chapters.

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