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Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed

National Association of Minority Contractors: 47th Annual National Conference Building Bridges that Empower Our Youth and Community. Investing in Our Future. Atlanta, GA — NAMC held its 47th Annual Conference at the beautiful Omni Hotel, CNN Center, in Atlanta, GA. Under this year's theme of "Building Bridges that Empower Our Youth and Community: Investing in Our Future," the conference started on June 15,

2016 with two-day OSHA 10 Certification Training and concluded with the Hall of Fame Reception and Gala on June 17, 2016. Minority contractors, development business leaders, major corporate partners, industry professionals, and guests from across the country attended the grand finale formal gala and were motivated by an inspiring message from keynote speaker,

Atlanta [Mayor Kasim Reed](#). The mayor also spoke enthusiastically about Atlanta's growth over the years, the abundance of construction projects, building a model of cooperation with minority contractors, and empowering the city's growing community of entrepreneurs and small businesses with powerful new initiatives such as the City of Atlanta's Women's Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) and Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs (ACE).

The National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) announced the installation of its new board of directors. The 2016-2017 NAMC national executive officers are Wendell Stemley, President; Nayan Parikh, Executive Vice President; Pete Varma, Treasurer; and Rosalind Styles, Secretary. New national board members were sworn in by Lisa Colon-Heron, Esq. of Smith, Currie, & Hancock, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, during the national board of directors meeting on Saturday, June 18 at the Omni Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia.

"The National Association of Minority Contractors would like to thank all of our members, conference sponsors, attendees, and corporate partners, to include Kaiser Permanente, MGM Resorts International, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Wells Fargo, Technique Construction, the ELOCEN Group, and BenchMark Management, for a truly successful 47th Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA. This Conference has truly set the stage for building on our legacy of having some of the top minority contractors in the nation with over a billion dollars of annual project capacity," states Wendell Stemley, NAMC National President. "NAMC stands ready to meet the challenges of the new design build national markets and increase opportunities for minorities and women in construction.

In addition to other educational workshops, representatives from the U.S. State Department, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a federal contracting session which provided attendees with valuable information and insight into working with the federal government and the billions of dollars of contract opportunities available both in the United States and overseas.

C. David Moody, CEO of C.D. Moody Construction, Inc. and Arthur Queen, NAMC President Emeritus, officiated installation of the NAMC Hall of Fame Class of 2016. Recipients honored were Hoyt Hsiao, President/CEO, Shaw-Lundquist Associates, Inc.; Dominic Ozanne, CEO, Ozanne Construction Company; Michael Russell, CEO, H.J. Russell & Company; and Vic Verma, President/CEO, Alpha Installation and Waterproofing, Inc.

Others who received awards at the gala on Friday were Lisa Colon Heron, Esq., NAMC General Counsel, Smith, Currie, & Hancock, LLP, NAMC Ray Dones Service Award; William A. Kirk, Partner, K&L Gates, LLP, NAMC Parren J. Mitchell Advocacy Award; and Holder, Hunt, Russell, Moody, A Joint Venture, NAMC Construction Team of the Year, Atlanta Falcons Stadium Project. Binyam Gurmu, Purdue University, was recognized as the newly formed NAMC Student Chapter's first student president. NAMC also honored Hilton O. Smith, Turner Construction (Ret.) and NAMC President Emeritus, Arthur Queen, Chairman, EGM Services, Inc. with lifetime achievement awards for their dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of women and minority business owners in the construction industry.

Representatives from Home Depot PRO were also in attendance at the Trade Fair to kick off NAMC's new rebate program. For more information or to enroll in the program to receive biannual rebates on purchases and other benefits, please call (866) 333-3551 or visit www.homedepot.com/proroyalty, agreement code: NAMC.

NAMC's 48th Annual Conference will be held in June 2018 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Founded in Oakland, California in 1969 by Raymond Dones and Joseph Debro, NAMC is the oldest minority business trade organization in the United States with over 50 Hall of Fame members and Legacy Builders and an annual project capacity of over one billion dollars nationally. Through a network of local chapters, and in collaboration with strategic and corporate partnerships, NAMC assists women- and minority-owned member businesses with building capacity by providing access to opportunity, advocacy, and contractor development training.

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