

New Voices

Conference Highlighting Diversity Enters Its Second Year

The second **Global Diversity Summit in Commercial Real Estate** will be held **July 16-18, at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia**. The Global Diversity Summit was started in an effort to increase the awareness of diversity within the real estate industry through the inclusion of more diverse ideas, perspectives and successful professionals. The Summit is the brainchild of Atlanta's Association of Commercial Real Estate (ACREnet), a group of diverse industry professionals, who saw the need to host a major event — a forum that creates synergy of networking, information-sharing and learning principles for attendees.

The 2007 summit agenda has several items of interest, a few of which include a Real Estate Development Case competition, a simulation designed to mirror the highly competitive nature of the commercial real estate industry and a luncheon panel with industry leaders, **Victor MacFarlane**, managing principal, MacFarlane Partners; **Richmond McCoy**, founding partner, president, Urban America LP; **Quintin Primo**, chairman and CEO, Capri Capital Partners LLC; and **Tom Baltimore, Jr.**, co-founder and president of RJL Development.



"The success of last year's event affirmed the need to create an even bigger event this year to emphasize diversity and to amplify the awareness of talented minority professionals."

— Lynn Smith

Lynn Smith, Cushman and Wakefield, 2007 Global Diversity Summit Co-Chair spoke to us about the summit stating:

"Our industry is all about networking, and this conference really provides attendees with business strategies and opportunities to create meaningful partnerships with mainstream companies. As we seek to increase the participation of women and minorities in the field, we are also bringing together the different players involved in the development process, ranging from brokers, capital markets, appraisers to analysts and other stakeholders for the purpose of sharing successful 'best practices' and building stronger industry partnerships."

In addition to NAIOP, sponsors of the summit include: Cushman & Wakefield; Jones Lang LaSalle; MacFarlane Partners; Nixon Peabody LLP; Powell Goldstein, LLP; Prudential Mortgage Capital Company; Prudential Real Estate Investors (PREI); Real Estate Executive Council (REEC); Real Estate Associates Program (REAP); and Wachovia. ■



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