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**CREW ORANGE COUNTY RECOGNIZES TOP
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS
AT 5TH ANNUAL SPIRE AWARDS**

Orange County, Calif. (March 17, 2016) - On March 10, 2016, more than 320 commercial real estate professionals gathered at the Center Club in Costa Mesa, California to celebrate the 5th Annual [CREW Orange County](#) Chapter's Commercial Real Estate SPIRE Awards.

This highly anticipated awards ceremony featured a formal cocktail reception, followed by the presentation of awards and an exclusive networking opportunity for industry professionals to connect with established leaders in their respective fields.

"The commercial real estate industry of Orange County is driven by diverse and dynamic individuals, and we are delighted to be able to recognize them at this year's awards ceremony," explained Karen Eddy, Real Estate Property Specialist of Western Digital Technologies, and Catherine Falco, Senior Director of Business Development of Marquis Construction, Inc.

CREW Orange County received 98 nominations this year recognizing the top performing professionals that have substantially impacted the local commercial real estate industry. The categories for the prestigious "SPIRE" awards include new construction, building renovations, tenant improvements, leasing, sales, lending, women in commercial real estate, and philanthropy.

Founded in 2011 by the Orange County chapter of CREW, a national real estate organization, the "Superior Performance In Real Estate" (SPIRE) Awards honor the brightest leaders and most innovative projects in commercial real estate. The SPIRE Awards event is the only commercial real estate awards program in Orange County.

Fourth and fifth generation Brandon Birtcher and Brooke Birtcher Gustafson of Goodman Birtcher North America served as the keynote speakers for this year's event, while Perry Schonfeld, Principal and Chief Operating Officer of LBA Realty, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Awards presented at the 5th Annual SPIRE Awards include:

Winner for “Superior Performance in New Construction”

Project: Outlets at San Clemente

Awarded to: Craig Realty Group

- Steve Craig, Chief Executive Officer

Winner for “Superior Performance in Building Renovations”

Project: Harbor Distributing

Awarded to: Gensler

- James Young, Design Director
- Anne Bretana, Project Manager
- Mark McManus, Associate
- Jaimelynn Shah, Senior Associate

Harbor Distributing

- Tommy Reyes, President

ARCO National Construction Company Inc.

- Tom Strickland, President

Winner for “Superior Performance in Tenant Improvements”

Project: ASICS North America Headquarters

Awarded to: DPPM Project Management

- Dennis Potts, President

McKinney Advisory Group

- Charlie Copelan
- Jamie Lee Keller

LPA

- Rick D’Amato

Snyder Langston / Optym

- John Gunther
- Jo-E Immel

Workplace Management Solutions

Winner for “Superior Performance in Leasing”

Project: Mazda North America Operations

Awarded to: Cushman & Wakefield

- Chon Kantikovit, Senior Director
- Rick Kaplan, Vice Chairman

Mazda USA

- Rumi Walsh, Facilities & Administrative Manager

Winner for “Superior Performance in Sales”

Project: MetroCenter at South Coast

Awarded to: McCarthy Cook

- Tom McCarthy, Principal
- Ed Cook, Principal

Winner for “Superior Performance in Lending”

Project: Quintana Office Complex – Irvine

Awarded to: New York Life Real Estate Investors

- Kirk Kniss, Senior Director
- John Lippmann, Senior Director

Hines

- Ray Lawler, Managing Director
- Drew Huffmann, Associate

HFF

- Kevin MacKenzie, Senior Managing Director
- Lee Redmond, Real Estate Analyst

Winner for “Superior Performance for a Woman in Commercial Real Estate:

Awarded to: Laura Archuleta, President, Jamboree Housing Corporation

Winner for “Superior Performance in Philanthropy”

Awarded to: Mark and Jan Hilbert, Hilbert Museum of California Art, Chapman University

About CREW-OC:

Commercial Real Estate Women of Orange County (CREW-Orange County) is a member organization of the national Commercial Real Estate Women Network and has been serving Orange County real estate professionals since 1988. CREW-Orange County is a non-profit organization established to promote and sponsor educational and professional activities for its

members in the field of commercial real estate. Further information on the organization is available at www.crew-oc.org.