



Alex Kopicki Receives NAIOP 2009 Developing Leaders Award *Award Recipients will be Honored at Development '09: The Annual Meeting for Commercial Real Estate in Chicago*

(COLUMBIA, Md.) September 17, 2009 – Alex Kopicki has been named as one of the recipients of the **2009 Developing Leaders Award** presented by NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association.

Kopicki received his undergraduate degree from University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and is currently working towards earning his Master's degree in real estate from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Kopicki is employed by Manekin LLS as a senior developer in the commercial and residential development division, where he's currently managing two residential land subdivisions, three retail centers and various predevelopment office and industrial initiatives. He is an active member of NAIOP Maryland and a co-chair of the chapter's Community Service Committee. In addition, Kopicki volunteers with Habitat for Humanity Baltimore, Manekin Day of Caring and University of Baltimore Real Estate Advisory Board and enjoys playing lacrosse.

This year, the Developing Leaders Award was bestowed upon 16 up-and-coming professionals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and show great promise as future leaders of the commercial real estate industry.

In an effort to engage and encourage up-and-coming young commercial real estate professionals, NAIOP established the award in 2006. The honor was designed to engage tomorrow's leaders and connect them with NAIOP's increasing education and benefits available to new and developing professionals.

NAIOP President Thomas J. Bisacquino spoke of the importance of the Developing Leaders Award, stating, "The Developing Leaders program advances NAIOP's agenda and enhances our diversity by acknowledging and encouraging the involvement of these accomplished young professionals who will lead our organization and the commercial real estate industry into the future."

Recipients of NAIOP's Developing Leaders Award will be celebrated at **Development '09: The Annual Meeting for Commercial Real Estate**, where they will benefit from unique networking opportunities and publicity surrounding the award. **Development '09**, which takes place Oct. 14-16 in Chicago, features three days of education, interaction and events all tailored to help NAIOP members achieve success. Leading-edge education sessions, distinguished keynote speakers, innovative project tours and the popular **CEO Insight** series all provide invaluable experiences designed to keep NAIOP members ahead of the industry curve.

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About NAIOP:

NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, is the leading organization for developers, owners and related professionals in office, industrial and mixed-use real estate. NAIOP comprises 15,000 members in North America. NAIOP advances responsible commercial real estate development and advocates for effective public policy. For more information, visit www.naiop.org.

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