Winners of the 33rd Annual Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards Announced

The Greater Chicago Food Depository’s largest annual fundraiser, presented by Associated Bank, expected to raise more than $650,000 for hunger relief in Cook County

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A unique and ambitious office building project known as 800 Fulton won Deal of the Year at the annual Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards on Thursday, May 13, a virtual event that reflected on the difficulties of the past year and hope for better days to come.

The 33rd Annual Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards is expected to raise more than $650,000 for the Food Depository’s mission to end hunger in Chicago and throughout Cook County. This year’s event was focused on celebrating diverse leaders and projects of community impact, including developer Leon Walker, who was honored with the first ever Game Changer Award.

Walker is renowned for projects that have helped to invigorate communities on Chicago’s South Side by expanding access to jobs, food and healthcare. The Game Changer Award, presented by Associated Bank, honors a commercial real estate professional whose innovative work uplifts communities.

“The past year has been so incredibly difficult for hundreds of thousands of our neighbors in Cook County facing hunger, particularly those in lower-income communities of color,” said Kate Maehr, the Food Depository’s executive director and CEO. “We are so grateful for our partners in the commercial real estate industry who are helping us to meet the need in the ongoing crisis.”

The awards event – considered to be the top awards event for those in Chicago’s commercial real estate industry – is also the largest annual fundraiser for the Food Depository. Since the event began in 1989, it has raised more than $22 million.

A Blue Ribbon Panel presented awards to recognize the industry’s best architects, brokers, contractors, design professionals, developers, project managers, and property representatives of 2020. The winners were chosen by a group of industry professionals.
The Impact of the Year award – another new addition for 2021 – was awarded to BlueCross BlueShield Illinois Morgan Park Solution Center, a collaboration among Health Care Service Corporation, Pepper Construction, JLL, DL3 Realty, Brown & Momen, zpd+a Architects and DLA Piper.

Mariah DiGrino of DLA Piper chaired the Blue Ribbon Panel, which is made up of former event chairs, past award winners, representatives from Chicago-area real estate associations and several at-large members of the Chicago real estate community who are appointed on an annual, rotating basis. Tom Jaros of Levenfeld Pearlstein served as Event Chair and Emily Marquardt of the Telos Group was Vice Chair.

The event was presented by Associated Bank and the media sponsor was Crain’s Chicago Business. Clayco, CRG and Lamar Johnson Collaborative sponsored the virtual reception. The Telos Group sponsored the Brown Bag Challenge. Additional sponsors included JLL and Ventas. Corey McPherrin of Fox 32 Chicago served as master of ceremonies.

Here are the winners of the 33rd Annual Chicago Commercial Real Estate Awards:

**Architect of the Year – Core and Shell**
- Lamar Johnson Collaborative

**Architect/Interior Designer of the Year**
- Lamar Johnson Collaborative

**Build to Suit Project of the Year**
- Oracle Industries Innovation Lab, Deerfield, IL (Pepper Construction, NELSON Worldwide, Engineering Plus, Collins Engineering, Thorson Baker + Associates)

**Deal of the Year**
- 800 Fulton (Stream Realty Partners, CBRE, Thor Equities, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Cushman & Wakefield)

**Developer of the Year – Chicago**
- Riverside Investment & Development

**Developer of the Year – Suburban**
- Conor Commercial Real Estate

**Development of the Year - Commercial**
Development of the Year – Industrial

- Pullman Crossings Phase I (Ryan Companies, Harris Architects, DLA Piper)

Development of the Year – Residential

- Wolf Point East - 313 W. Wolf Point Plaza (Hines, Pappageorge Haymes Partners, Walsh Construction, Akerman LLP)

Engineering Project of the Year

- Bank of America Tower - 110 North Wacker Drive, Structural Project (GEI Consultants)

Impact Award

- BlueCross BlueShield Illinois Morgan Park Solution Center (Health Care Service Corporation, Pepper Construction, JLL, DL3 Realty, Brown & Momen, zpd+a Architects, DLA Piper)

Industrial Broker of the Year

- Dan McGillicuddy, Kris Bjorson, Charlie Kenning (JLL)

Industrial Broker of the Year

- Jason West, Sean Henrick, Michael Magliano, Doug Pilcher (Cushman & Wakefield)

Interior Contractor of the Year – Owner Project

- BEAR Construction Company

Interior Contractor of the Year – Tenant Projects

- Pepper Construction Company

Interior Design Firm of the Year – Tenant Projects

- Lamar Johnson Collaborative

Investment Broker of the Year – Institutional Market

- Bruce Miller, Jeffrey Bramson, Jaime Fink, Patrick Shields, Sam DiFrancesca, Keith Largay, Christopher Carroll, Lucas Borges (JLL)

Investment Broker of the Year - Private Capital Market

- Jim Hanson (Avison Young)
Office Broker of the Year – Tenant Representative

• Joe Learner, Robert Sevim (Savills)

Office Property Representative of the Year

• Jessica O’Hara, Patrick Russo and Adam Showalter (Stream Realty Partners)

Project Manager of the Year

• JLL Project and Development Services Team (JLL)

Property Management Company of the Year – Commercial

• JLL

Property Management Company of the Year – Residential

• Golub & Company

Redevelopment of the Year – Adaptive Reuse

• Old Cook County Hospital Redevelopment - 1825 W. Harrison Street (Murphy Development Group, Walsh Construction, MB Real Estate, Plenary Group, Granite, KOO, Elstner Associates, DLA Piper)

Redevelopment of the Year – Office/ Retail

• Willis Tower Repositioning - 233 S. Wacker Drive (EQ Office, Clayco, Inc., Turner Construction Company, Gensler, Telos Group LLC, CBRE, RLE Partners, DMA, Dentons, SKB Architects)

Retail Broker of the Year

• Peter Caruso (JLL)