Central Atlanta Progress Marks 74 Years at Annual Meeting
More than 1,000 in attendance to celebrate Downtown’s extraordinary momentum

ATLANTA - Central Atlanta Progress (CAP) and the Atlanta Downtown Improvement District (ADID) hosted their 2015 Annual Meeting today at the Georgia World Congress Center’s Sidney Marcus Auditorium. With the theme “Downtown Atlanta is on the Move”, CAP’s Annual Meeting celebrated the people, places and businesses that are shaping Downtown’s bright and exciting future.

The exciting event kicked off with inspirational remarks from Atlanta Hawks Coach Budenholzer and featured the premier of Downtown is on the Move, a visually stunning, time-lapse video highlighting the central city’s transformation.

During his keynote address, CAP/ADID President A.J. Robinson discussed the impressive amount of investment occurring in Downtown noting that “in addition to the iconic landmarks that are being redeveloped – Underground, the Civic Center, the Georgia Dome and Turner Field – there are an additional 58 major projects underway.”

CAP Board Chair, Dave Stockert, highlighted the success that the organization’s Be Downtown campaign has experienced over the last year to catalyze new private and public real estate investment, enhance the quality of life in the central city and effectively tell the Downtown story. Stockert also installed CAP’s 2015 leadership.

In his State of the District address, ADID Chair, Craig Jones, celebrated the District’s 20th Anniversary noting, that “from its formation in 1995, ADID has played a significant role in shaping Downtown.” He continued, adding, “The results over the last two decades have led to a transformation of the core of the city into the workplace of 118,000 metro Atlantans, a place of learning for 62,000 university students, home to 23,000 residents, and a destination for over 22 million visitors each year.”

The full agenda also included remarks from Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and the presentation of two prestigious awards. Dave Stockert and Tally Sweat presented the Dan Sweat Award to Bill Bolling, Founder and Executive Director of the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Greg Block, Founder of First Step Staffing, received the Turner Downtown Community Leadership Award from Lisa Harris, Turner Broadcasting System’s Senior Vice President of Real Estate.

About Central Atlanta Progress / Atlanta Downtown Improvement District: Central Atlanta Progress, Inc., is a Downtown business association with approximately 200 members. Its mission is to champion a vibrant community with strong leadership and sustainable infrastructure that is safe, livable, diverse, economically viable, accessible, clean, hospitable and entertaining. The Atlanta Downtown Improvement District is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable corporation created by CAP to make Downtown safer, cleaner and more hospitable.

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A media kit for the 2015 CAP Annual Meeting is available online at www.atlantadowntown.com/annualmeeting/mediakit. This press release, along with the official CAP Leadership Release, photographs of meeting speakers and presenters, the Downtown is on the Move and the award winners’ tribute videos are available now. Additional assets, including photos from the event, will be available shortly after the conclusion of the event.