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## NAREIT PRESENTS 2011 INVESTOR CARE AWARDS

## Awards Recognize Best In REIT Shareholder Communications

## **Competition Judged By Securities Analysts And Investors**

WASHINGTON, DC, June 15—NAREIT, the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, has named three REITs as the top winners of its 2011 Investor CARE Awards. The Investor Care Awards (CARE stands for "communications and reporting excellence") honor REITs that have demonstrated superior performance in shareholder communications. More than 200 REITs competed for this year's awards.

REITs compete for awards in three categories: "Annual Report - Management Discussion and Analysis;" "Annual Report - Presentation and Design;" and "Websites." Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards are presented in each of the three categories, which are judged by a panel of leading REIT securities analysts and portfolio managers. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in which the competition has been held.

The 2011 Gold Award in the Management Discussion and Analysis category went to Vornado Realty Trust (NYSE: VNO). The Silver Award was awarded to Health Care REIT, Inc. (NYSE: HCN), and two companies tied for the Bronze Award: Realty Income Corporation (NYSE: O) and Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR).

In his acceptance remarks, Vornado Executive Vice President Joseph Macnow noted, "It's been our philosophy to always give more information, not less."

In the Presentation and Design category Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (NYSE: HST) received the Gold Award, followed by the Silver Award winner Federal Realty Investment Trust (NYSE: FRT) and Corporate Office Properties Trust (NYSE: OFC), which received the Bronze Award.

The Gold Award in the Websites category went to Regency Centers Corporation (NYSE: REG). The Silver Award went to American Campus Communities, Inc. (NYSE: ACC), while BioMed Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: BMR) received the Bronze Award.

Brian McNamara, senior vice president of Host, accepted the Gold Award for his company. Whitney Kanter, regional vice president of marketing and market research, accepted the Gold Award for Regency.

"The Regency website has been a dynamic, successful sales tool and we are honored to be recognized," said Kanter.

This year's NAREIT CARE Awards judges included: Paul Adornato, managing director and senior REIT analyst, BMO Capital Markets; David AuBuchon, director, Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.; Bruce Garrison, director, Salient Capital Advisors; Mary Hogan-Preusse, managing director, APG Asset Management U.S., Inc.; Everlyn Ifurna, managing director, ICR, Inc.; Nathan Isbee, vice president, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.; Eden Levinson, assistant vice president, Duff & Phelps Investment Management; Keven Lindemann, director, SNL Finanical; RBC REIT Research Team; State Street/Tuckerman REIT Team; and Matt Werner, senior analyst, Salient Capital Advisors.

The awards were presented June 8 as part of REITWeek 2011: NAREIT's Investor Forum, held at the Waldorf=Astoria Hotel in New York.

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