## DCRE CONFERENCE

JULY 24-27, 2025

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DCRE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION TOOLKIT

#### Greetings!

We are pleased to announce the 7th Annual DCRE Conference on **Thursday, July 24, 2025 - Sunday, July 27, 2025** at Columbia University.

Over the past several years DCRE has gathered over 2,500+ professionals and business owners to participate in our preeminent conference focused on the current and future state of the CRE industry and diversity.

DCRE is focused on creating initiatives that diversify the commercial real estate industry as it relates to racial equity, access to capital, development (affordable and ESG), supporting real estate professionals and more. DCRE is committed to providing resources that support professionals and developers.

DCRE hosts the largest conference in the nation that specifically focuses on diversity in the commercial real estate industry and once again this year, DCRE Conference will convene top industry leaders, developers and professionals for a content rich program.

We hope to see you at the conference alongside an audience of industry professionals, developers, investors, lenders, policymakers, and members of the academic community.



ADEOLA ADEJOBI

FOUNDER, DIVERSITY. IN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE & AVANT-GARDE NETWORK

\*For information regarding bulk tickets, discounts and general conference questions, please email us at **info@avantgardenetwork.com**.

\*Please note this event will be in person and virtual.

For information about sponsoring the 6th Annual Diversity in Commercial Real Estate Conference, please fill out the conference sponsorship form or <u>HERE</u> to contact **Lenier Thomas, Director of Programs.** 

To receive updates on the conference agenda, DCRE Conference Updates, Join the DCRE Mailing List **HERE** 

## DCRE CONFERENCE

THE LARGEST CONFERENCE IN THE NATION THAT SPECIFICALLY FOCUSES ON ADVANCING PROFESSIONALS IN THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY!

**POWERED BY: AVANT-GARDE NETWORK** 

## WHO WE ARE

Diversity in Commercial Real Estate Conference (DCRE) is focused on commercial real estate, real estate investing, technology, opportunity zones and more! This conference is the place for attendees to focus on talent, business opportunities, networking and to learn about issues that affect commercial real estate development in New York State and around the nation.



## WHY PARTICIPATE IN DCRE?

The conference brings together nearly 1,000+ participants from across the nation, from multiple disciplines as it relates to commercial real estate. A wide range of sessions will reach individuals of every level of expertise with timely impactful topics.

This conference presents a unique opportunity to network with business professionals and recruit talent. You wouldn't want to miss this gathering and the chance to meet and learn from industry leaders and peers!

## WHAT WE DO

Diversity in Commercial
Real Estate (DCRE) is
the LARGEST
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commercial real estate
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## **COMPANIES WE'VE WORKED WITH!**







































































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## 2025 DCRE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025 DCRE PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

**9AM - 12PM EST** 

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INVESTORS AND DEALMAKERS POWER BREAKFAST (BONUS EVENT)
(\*SEPARATE TICKET REQUIRED\*)

**2PM - 6PM EST**DCRE CONFERENCE CLES

**6:30PM - 9PM EST**DCRE PRE-CONFERENCE VIP RECEPTION &

SPEAKER MEET AND GREET

(\*VIP TICKET REQUIRED\*)



#### FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 DCRE CONFERENCE - DAY 1

9AM - 5:30PM EST

DCRE CONFERENCE
WORKSHOPS & MASTERCLASSES

**6:30PM - 9PM EST**DCRE KICK-OFF NETWORKING MIXER



# **DAY THREE**

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#### SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025 DCRE CONFERENCE - DAY 2

**9AM - 5PM EST** 

DCRE CONFERENCE DAY 2
PANELS AND AWARDS

6:30PM - 9PM EST

DCRE POST-CONFERENCE
VIP RECEPTION (\*VIP TICKET REQUIRED\*)



DAY FOUR

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 DCRE POST - CONFERENCE

12:30PM - 3:00PM EST

DCRE POST-CONFERENCE NETWORKING BRUNCH

(\*SEPARATE TICKET REQUIRED)



## **UPCOMING AND PAST SPEAKERS**



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# ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH DCRE





### **RECRUITING**

Expand your access and reach a pool of talented professionals. Our events will help you get direct access to high-level talent and thought-leaders for your company.

### **SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES**

We provide valuable opportunities to advance thought leadership for you to elevate your executives and employees to share their knowledge and expertise with new audience.

## **DIGITAL PROGRAMMING**

Engage with our audience via unique webinars, workshops, and events.

## SPONOSRSHIP AND BRANDING OPPORTUNIES

Shape how your brand is perceived by propective employees, consumers, and clients.

## ADVANCE COMPANY DIVERSITY GOALS

Pioneer your company as an organization, showcasing your commitment to equity, inclusion, and diversity throughout the whole ethos of your company.



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



- Connect with hard to reach high caliber talent
- Empower your employees with professional development
- Provide thought leadership opportunities to your employees
- Engage around opportunities and services at your your company
- Shape how your brand is perceived by consumers and clients
- Place your services and offerings directly in front of a highly engaged audience





## DCRE CONFERENCE RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES

### **EXAMPLES OF DCRE RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES**

- Speaking: Participation in Careers Panel at DCRE Conference
- Career Fair Participation: Exhibitor table at DCRE conference
- <u>Company banner placement</u>: Provided by company at your table throughout the event.
- Feature: Exclusive Recruiting Email feature in e-newsletter blast
- Job Board: Job opportunities included on the DCRE Website Job Board
- Logo: included on DCRE Website
- <u>Tickets</u>: All access passes









# DIVERSITY IN COMMERICAL REAL ESTATE CONFERENCE

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATTENDEES AT DCRE CONFERENCE

- Networking and Mentorship
- Exposure to Industry Experts
- Professional Development
- Empowerment and Community Building
- Access to Resources and Scholarships



DCRE draws in distinguished speakers and industry leaders to deliver keynote speeches, conduct workshops, and engage in panel discussions. Participation in these sessions offers mid to senior-level employees valuable insights into prevailing industry trends, innovative practices, and the forefront of professional research. Engaging with the wisdom and expertise of esteemed professionals provides an exceptional opportunity for career development and strategic advancement. This experience not only broadens their professional perspective but also equips them with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of their respective fields and contribute to their organizations at a higher level.

## 2. Professional Development:

The conference presents an array of professional development workshops, seminars, and skill-enhancement sessions designed to meet the unique needs of mid to senior-level professionals. These meticulously curated sessions delve into critical topics such as underwriting, access to capital, and leadership development. Participation in these targeted activities provides attendees with an invaluable opportunity to refine their skills and expand their knowledge base, thereby gaining a competitive edge in their careers. This experience is not only about skill acquisition but also about fostering an environment where seasoned professionals can engage, share insights, and contribute to a collective pool of industry intelligence.

## 3. Empowerment and Community Building:

The DCRE Conference cultivates a supportive and inclusive atmosphere for mid to senior employees offering a platform where they can exchange insights, challenges, and achievements with peers who recognize and value their distinct viewpoints. Attendees have the opportunity to forge meaningful relationships and establish enduring networks that persist well beyond the confines of the conference, fostering professional growth and personal development in a community that celebrates diversity and inclusivity.

## 4. Access to Resources and Community:

The DCRE Conference opens doors to a wealth of resources tailored for the professional advancement of mid to senior employees. By participating in the conference, these professionals tap into these resources, bolstering their career trajectories and enhancing their capabilities within the industry. This opportunity transcends mere professional development, fostering a vibrant sense of community and empowerment among attendees. The impact of this experience is profound, enriching their professional journey and contributing to a dynamic, supportive network that benefits their personal and career growth long term.









## 5. Networking and Mentorship:

The DCRE Conference serves as a premier platform for mid to senior employees within the commercial real estate sector to enhance their professional networks. Attendees have the unique opportunity to connect with an array of individuals, from industry peers to seasoned experts and influential leaders in commercial real estate, who can offer mentorship, strategic advice, and serve as sources of inspiration. By building a strong network of contacts specialized in commercial real estate, participants gain access to invaluable guidance, support, and opportunities for future collaborations. This networking aspect is crucial for fostering a community of professionals dedicated to mutual growth, innovation, and success within the dynamic landscape of commercial real estate.













# WHAT ATTENDES ARE SAYING ABOUT THE DCRE CONFERENCE



"The Diversity in Commercial Real Estate Conference was phenomenal! The substantive information that I've left with, alongside the connections that I made, was well beyond the value of my ticket. The best part is these exchanges were with like minded people who looked like me. I, unfortunately, do not have these experiences in my 9 - 5 - but definitely will attend next year!"

Samantha A.

"The Diversity in Commercial Real Estate Conference was a unique experience, in that it took on the very bold and necessary task of bringing together some of CRE's most important players to engage in dialog about the industry and more specifically the value that diversity brings to commercial real estate. The panelist were incredibly engaging, the discussions were informative, and the energy was electric!"

Claudeen P.





"DCRE is the best conference I attended last year. It was very eye opening to see all the accomplished speakers from my community. Bring your note pads because the information discussed came from REAL PRACTITIONERS in the real estate space. Very Inspiring because representation does matter.

Immediately after, I sent the site to my colleagues to make sure they attend the next one!"

Andrew G.

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## **EMPOWER YOUR EMPLOYEES &**

## **ADVANCE YOUR COMPANY'S SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY INITIATIVES**

- Professional development
- Content rich sessions focused on real estate, best practices in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, innovation, economic policy and the role of the diversity and inclusion in shaping the future workforce in the commercial real estate industry.
- Networking opportunities to form meaningful connections for professional support
- Sharing gained knowledge with others in the workplace upon return.



### **DCRE MEDIA FEATURES**





















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#### LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

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