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Stage set for industry's biggest night at REBNY gala

The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), the city's leading real estate trade association, expects more than 2,000 attendees at its 114th Annual Banquet on Jan. 21, 2010 at the New York Hilton. Widely acknowledged as the industry's most important networking event of the year, attendees at the banquet will include city leaders, elected officials, and hundreds of the city's top real estate professionals.

"This is New York City's most important night for real estate. Even in these tough economic times, our members want to be there for the industry's biggest networking opportunity of the year," said REBNY president Steven Spinola. "Last year's banquet was a huge success with a great turnout, despite the recession. We anticipate a big crowd again this year."

Guests will join REBNY as they honor six industry leaders. In addition, Mary Ann Tighe will preside over her first banquet as REBNY Chairman. Receiving honors this year will be Samuel H. Lindenbaum, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, who will receive The Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award; David R. Greenbaum, Vornado Realty Trust, who will receive The Bernard H. Mendik Lifetime Leadership in Real Estate

Award; Robert A. Knakal, Massey Knakal Realty, who will receive The Louis Smadbeck Broker Recognition Award; Ralph J. DiRuggiero, Paramount Group, Inc., who will receive The George M. Brooker Management Executive of the Year Award; Frederick W. Peters, Warburg Realty Partnership, who will receive The Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award; and Todd Korren, Swig Equities, LLC, who will receive The Young Real Estate Man of the Year Award, as selected by the Young Men's/Women's Real Estate Association of New York.

"There's no doubt that we've got a challenging year ahead," added Mr. Spinola. "We know our members will take this opportunity to get started on making the deals that will make 2010."

Tickets are still available for the 114th Annual Banquet. For more information, contact Thomas Griffin at REBNY, 212-532-3100.