# In A Diverse World, A Need For Diversity



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#### A Message From the Executive Director

REAP just accomplished something it has never done—graduate three markets simultaneously. Some 92 student/professionals completed the 13 week education/networking course. When you consider the talent across these three cities—Atlanta, Cleveland and Los Angeles—you get a perspective of what REAP is all about.

- ·8 have brokerage experience
- •18 real estate development/property management experience
- ·13 experienced in financial analysis or appraisal
- ·13 have their juris doctorate degrees
- ·34 have their master's degrees

However, in an industry where only 1% of its total workforce is diversified (African American, Hispanic, Asian American), commercial real estate could use this level of talent in all aspects of the industry.

America is in the midst of unprecedented demographic change. People of color will soon be in the majority. This demonstrative fact will extend to the professional community as well. It is logical to assume then companies that open its doors to this growing talent pool will prosper while those that do not will languish.

In 1946, Paul Brown, the legendary coach and founder of the Cleveland Browns, took a bold step and signed two African-Americans—Marion Motley and Bill Willis—to his team. Motley and Willis were integral elements to the Browns dynasty from 1946-1955, an era when most other teams were resistant to integration. By expanding his talent pool, Brown's Browns forced other teams to do the same so by the early 1960's, every team had talent of color.

The lesson is simple. Talented people make a great team. Talented people make a great company able to better see opportunity, create more profitable relationships, make smarter deals and build more successful ventures.

REAP is the nation's largest talent resource for professionals of color. Take advantage of the opportunity and support this effort.

Information on the 2012 REAP graduates is available at **www.projectreap.org** by clicking on the REAP city.

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#### Mission Statement

To educate minority professionals in the disciplines of commercial real estate in order to create career opportunities for the student and a significant talent resource for the real estate industry.



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### **Alumni on the Move**

Jillian Joseph (*REAP NY 2006*) is is now Senior Counsel at GE Capital, responsible for supporting the company's \$38 billion dollar real estate investment portfolio.

**Kendrick Harris** (*REAP NY 2011*) is now an associate at with Bryant Rabbino LLP providing advice including on acquisitions, dispositions, leasing and financing transactions.

**Edward Cooper** (*REAP DC 2007*) is an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton as an Associate overseeing budget formulation and financial activities for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Surface Operations Office.

**Ivan Gaviria** (*REAP DC 2010*) is a Corporate Contract Specialist at Inter-American Development Bank working with the institution's real estate and construction related services.

Ashley Maltbia (*REAP Atlanta 2012*) is Vice President, National Industrial Group at Bull Realty.

**Dwight McLeod** (*REAP NY 2008*) has secured two contracts—Small Business Services and Administration of Children's Services—for his company in New York City.

**Kim Neal** (*REAP DC 2005*) is is the ethics officer for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) in the nation's capital.

**London Kemp** (*REAP LA 2012*) is now Real Estate Manager for Wal-Mart Realty in charge of the North Texas region and Arkansas.

### **REAP 2013 Programs**

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