

# DCRE CONFERENCE

JULY 23-25, 2026

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DCRE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
INFORMATION TOOLKIT

Greetings!

We are pleased to announce the 8th Annual DCRE Conference on **Thursday, July 23, 2026 - Saturday, July 25, 2026!**

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.

The DCRE Conference is a premier gathering for professionals in commercial real estate, bringing together industry leaders, investors, and developers to explore market trends, investment opportunities, and innovative strategies.

The conference features expert-led discussions on capital raising, deal structuring, property development, and emerging real estate technologies.

Attendees gain valuable insights from top executives and finance professionals while expanding their networks with key decision-makers in the industry. With a focus on actionable strategies and deal-making, the event provides a dynamic platform for fostering partnerships and driving business growth.

Whether you're an experienced investor or looking to break into the industry, the DCRE Conference offers essential knowledge and connections to accelerate success.

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



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

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# DCRE CONFERENCE

ONE OF THE LARGEST CONFERENCES IN THE NATION THAT SPECIFICALLY FOCUSES ON ADVANCING PROFESSIONALS IN THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY!

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## WHO WE ARE

**DCRE Conference** 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 500+ 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

DCRE is a premier platform dedicated to advancing careers, entrepreneurship, and investment opportunities in commercial real estate. Our mission is to increase access to capital, support capacity building, and create pathways for professional growth.

Through dynamic programming and industry leading speakers, DCRE offers attendees the opportunity to network, build partnerships, and gain critical insights into the challenges and opportunities shaping commercial real estate development nationwide. Our speakers represent a wide array of expertise, from development and finance to law and public policy.

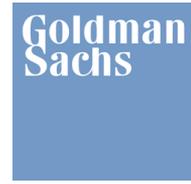
We are committed to equipping professionals with the tools, connections, and strategies needed to lead and thrive in the commercial real estate industry, whether as executives, investors, or entrepreneurs.



# COMPANIES WE'VE WORKED WITH!



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# 2026 DCRE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

### DCRE PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

**10AM - 2PM EST**

INVESTORS AND DEALMAKERS POWER BREAKFAST  
(INVITE-ONLY)

**(\*SEPARATE TICKET REQUIRED\*)**

**2PM - 6PM EST**

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**6PM - 8PM EST**

VIP RECEPTION AND SPEAKER MEET AND GREET

**(\*VIP TICKET REQUIRED)**



## FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

### DCRE CONFERENCE

**10AM - 4PM EST**

DCRE CONFERENCE  
WORKSHOPS & MASTERCLASSES

**6PM - 8PM EST**

DCRE POST-CONFERENCE VIP RECEPTION

**\*VIP TICKET REQUIRED\***

## SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

DCRE GOLF INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026 – 6PM EST



# 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.



## SPONSORSHIP AND BRANDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

## ADVANCE COMPANY GOALS

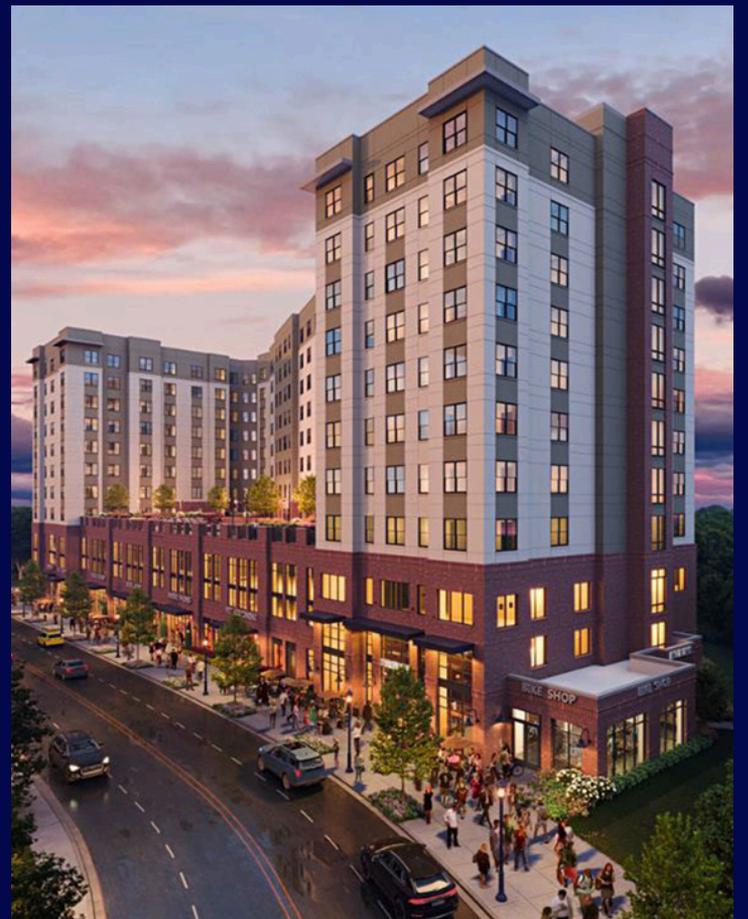
Pioneer your company as an organization, showcasing your commitment to helping employees grow their skill sets and knowledge base.



# 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



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# 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
- Company banner placement: 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
- Tickets: All access passes



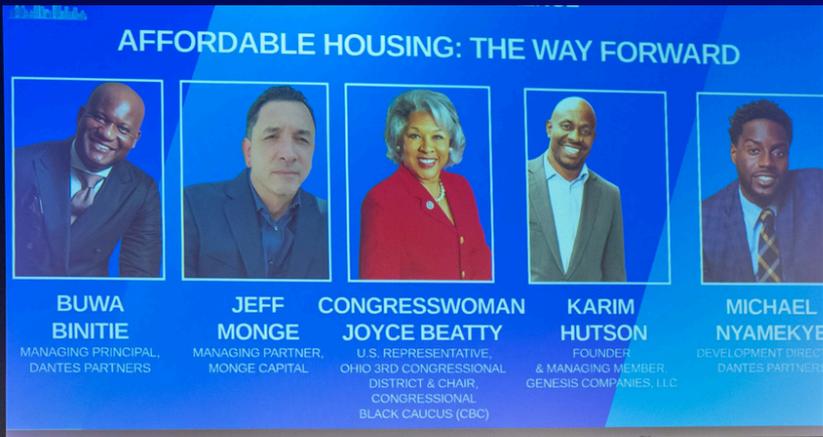


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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATTENDEES AT DCRE CONFERENCE

- Professional Development Workshops
- Networking with Industry Leaders
- Career Opportunities and Development
- Exposure to Industry Experts
- Pitch Opportunities and Business Exposure
- Policy and Market Insights





## 1. Exposure to Industry Experts:

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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:

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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.

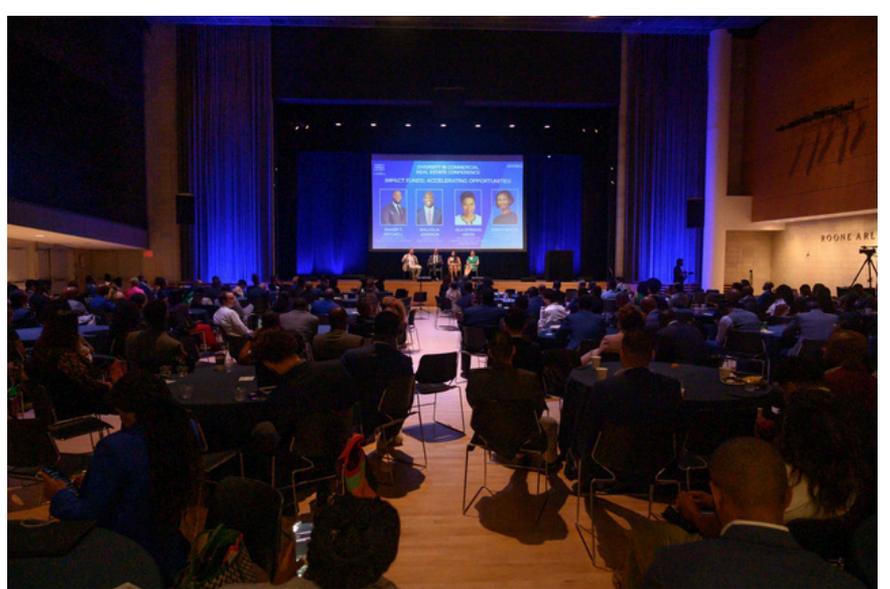
### 4. Access to Resources and Community:

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 ATTENDEES ARE SAYING ABOUT THE DCRE CONFERENCE



"The DCRE 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.**

" DCRE 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.**



# EMPOWER YOUR EMPLOYEES & ADVANCE YOUR COMPANY'S SUPPORT OF REAL ESTATE INITIATIVES



- ✓ Professional development
- ✓ Content rich sessions focused on real estate, best practices in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, innovation, economic policy and 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



# DCRE ATTENDEE COMPANIES

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