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Real Estate Finance Association Annual Fall Conference and other upcoming programs

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Boston, MA The Annual REFA Fall Conference will be held on Friday, September 15 at the Boston Harbor Hotel from 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. The Conference schedule includes a keynote session followed by two panel discussions. The keynote session will include moderator Bill Poorvu, adjunct professor of entrepreneurship, emeritus, Harvard Business School, co-founder, Baupost Group LLC, co-chair, Baupost board of advisors and keynote speakers Rob Griffin, U.S. head of capital markets, president, New England, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank and Bryan Koop, executive vice president, Boston Region, Boston Properties. The keynote session will be followed by one panel discussion focused on the topic of “Debt Capital Markets: Is It a Lender or Borrower’s Market?” and a second panel discussion focused on the topic of “Urban or Suburban: What Are The Drivers Behind The Decision?”

Workforce Housing will be the topic of discussion at REFA’s Quarterly Education program on Tuesday, September 26. The panel discussion will take place at WilmerHale, 60 State St., from 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. Travis D’Amato, managing director, JLL will moderate the panel discussion which will include speakers Kenan Bigby, managing director, Trinity Financial; Jay Doherty, CEO, Cabot, Cabot & Forbes and Jordan Warshaw, principal, Noannet Group.

The 2017 REFA Annual Gala will be held Wednesday, October 4 at the Westin Copley Place. Stephen Karp, chairman, New England Development and Steven Fischman, vice chairman, New England Development will be awarded with the 2017 Robert S. Swain Jr. Award, REFA’s Distinguished Service Award. Join over 500 members and commercial real estate professionals for the premiere industry networking event of the fall.

On October 11, REFA will be hosting a 101 Fundamentals program on equity with guest speaker Greg Labine, managing director, HFF.

Matt Pullen, executive managing director, Newmark Knight Frank will moderate a “Last Mile”/Industrial panel on November 14 as part of REFA’s education program series. The panelists for this program will include Scott Gredler, senior director, Cushman & Wakefield; Robert Provost, founding partner, Longpoint Realty Partners; Stephen J.T. Murphy, partner & principal of acquisitions, Campanelli and Patrick Ryan, executive vice president, investments, Cabot Properties. The program will take place at WilmerHale, 60 State St., from 8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Interested in learning more about East Boston’s transformation? REFA will be hosting a members-only breakfast regarding the growing neighborhood the morning of December 5. The program will take place at Nutter, 155 Seaport Blvd., from 8:00 – 9:15 a.m. The panel will include moderator Sue Hawkes, managing director, The Collaborative Companies and speakers Matt Edlen, director of acquisitions and development, Gerding Edlen; Joel Kadis, partner of leasing &

development, Linear Retail; Nick Islen, general manager- development, LendLease.

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