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AVRP Skyport Studios Honored with Two Gold Nugget Awards of Merit

San Diego Firm's Urban Projects Receive National Recognition

San Diego, CA, **June 13, 2017** – AVRP Skyport Studios is pleased to announce that it has earned two *2017 Gold Nugget Awards of Merit* for projects in Downtown San Diego. The Gold Nugget Awards is considered one of the Nation's largest and most prestigious design competitions. The awards ceremony will be held on June 29, 2017 at the San Diego Convention Center as part of the annual Pacific Coast Builders Conference. Earning two Gold Nugget Awards of Merit demonstrates that AVRP Skyport is among the nation's top urban architects.

The Gold Nugget Awards recognizes outstanding planning and design in 49 categories, including residential, commercial, retail, and mixed-use. Winners this year were chosen from over 600 entries from around the world. AVRP Skyport's 2017 Gold Nugget Merit Award-winning projects include:

- [Seaport San Diego](#) – *Best On-the-Boards Mixed-Use Project*
- [Urban Discovery Academy](#) – *Best Educational Project*

The Gold Nugget Grand Award winners will be announced at the awards ceremony, and will emerge from the Merit Awards in each of their categories.

Doug Austin, FAIA, Chairman, Founder and CEO of AVRP Skyport Studios, says, “We are so pleased that the PCBC judges chose to recognize these projects, especially Seaport San Diego. IHWY1 has done a stellar job assembling an outstanding team and making this project about San Diego.”

Yehudi “Gaf” Gaffen, CEO of Protea Waterfront Development, LLC and the IHWY1 team, says, “I believe Seaport San Diego will be significant and transformative for our city. This project is about the whole San Diego community—from the fishermen to the Seaport Village tenants to the Downtown hotel owners and retailers—really, anyone who calls San Diego home. We addressed their needs in this project.”

About AVRP Skyport Studios

AVRP Skyport Studios strives to find and develop an original idea that drives the creative process for each project. Principals Douglas H. Austin, FAIA; Christopher T. Veum, AIA, IIDA; Randy Robbins, AIA, LEED AP; and Frank Wolden represent award-winning portfolios inspiring developers and civic leaders to think beyond traditional boundaries, infusing each project with experiential community connections. Celebrating 40 years of creativity and accomplishment in 2016, the firm and its principals have earned nearly 150 design awards. For more information, visit www.avrpstudios.com.

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