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RECORD ATTENDANCE AT 2015 NABA NATIONAL CONVENTION – FAF, MITCHELL & TITUS RECEIVE AWARDS

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Greenbelt, MD, (June 29, 2015) — The 2015 NABA National Convention & Expo convened June 10-13th, 2015 welcoming more than 2,000 attendees and 65 corporate partners. As a capstone to this record-setting event, the [National Association of Black Accountants \(NABA, Inc.\)](http://www.nabainc.org) and [Kenneth E. Cooke, CPA](#) and Chairman of Board of Directors, bestowed the 2015 Diversity Award and Chairman's Award to [Mitchell & Titus, LLP](#) and the [Financial Accounting Foundation \(FAF\)](#), respectively.

The 2015 NABA National Convention & Expo, held at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas, drew the association's second largest assembly in this century. It was the ideal platform for [NABA, Inc.](http://www.nabainc.org) to announce several new initiatives to its key stakeholders, repositioning the organization for high impact within the competitive landscape.

Mr. Cooke used the conference as a platform to recognize the significant role NABA's corporate partners play in the organization's success. The FAF, a new NABA Corporate Partner, sought out the association's leadership to work together to bring greater diversity both to the FAF, FASB, and GASB organizations and the accounting profession as a whole. The Chairman's Award, a discretionary accolade, represented a NABA first, being offered to a NABA Corporate Partner.

Mitchell & Titus, LLP was honored with the 2015 Diversity Award for the strides it makes in the diversity space as the Nation's largest majority minority-owned public accounting firm. The organization, which is a member of the Division of Firms, has served Fortune 1000 companies in the assurance, advisory and tax space for more than 40 years.

"The FAF and Mitchell & Titus are great examples of what we look for in building a true *partnership* with those we affiliate with. We have worked with these partners to leverage each other's resources to make movement in diversifying the accounting and finance profession. We hope to continue to build similar relationships with all of our existing and future partners," said Mr. Cooke.

In 2016, NABA, Inc. will elevate the spotlight it gives to its Corporate Partners that demonstrate a quantifiable commitment to diversity and inclusion. [Lauren Yost, Chief Operating Officer of NABA, Inc.](#) announced the upcoming launch of the "Top Workplaces for Black Accountants". The new initiative is designed to be an objective evaluation program designed to identify gaps and opportunities to further enhance or improve workplace practices. "No other organization is collecting and analyzing this kind of data," said Yost. "For companies that sincerely desire an inclusive workplace culture that can attract, retain and advance a diverse workforce of accounting and finance professionals, the analytics that this study will yield will be a game-changer."

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About NABA

NABA, Inc. was founded in December 1969, the mission of NABA, Inc. is to address the professional needs of its members and to build leaders who shape the future of the accounting and finance profession with an unflinching commitment to inspire the same in their successors. NABA, Inc. has over 5000 members across the country and more than 49 chapters.

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