

Ruppert Landscape **NEWS**

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Ruppert Landscape Ranked Among Washington's 50 Fastest-Growing Mid-Sized Companies

Laytonsville, Md. and Washington, DC – Washington SmartCEO and Headline Sponsor, The Capitol Bay Group at Ameriprise Financial, have announced Ruppert Landscape as a winner of the 2016 Future 50 awards.

The awards program recognizes the region's 50 fastest-growing mid-sized companies and 10 small Emerging Growth companies who have experienced outsized growth based on a combined three-year average of revenue and employee growth. These companies represent the future of the region's economy and embody the entrepreneurial spirit critical for leadership and success. The 2016 Future 50 award winners collectively generate \$2.31 billion in annual revenue and employ 8,712 individuals in Greater Washington, D.C.

"Ask any CEO and they'll tell you that leading a fast-growing company is one of the most challenging and fun things an entrepreneur can do. Whether they're just starting out or rapidly trying to scale an established operation, this year's Future 50 winners have executed their growth visions year after year, created job opportunities and made our region a better place to work and live," says Jaime Nespor-Zawmon, President of SmartCEO Events. "There is nothing these amazing entrepreneurs can't do if they put their minds to it. We honor them for their unwavering determination to rise above the rest and build the future of our region, our nation, and the world at large."

The award winners will be recognized in the 2016 January/February issue of Washington SmartCEO magazine and celebrated at an awards ceremony on February 4, 2016. More than 550 local business executives and guests are expected to attend this year's black-tie-optional awards gala at the Hyatt Reston to celebrate the winners and their achievements.

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Ruppert Landscape president, Phil Key, will attend the ceremony and accept the award on behalf of the company. He says, "The quality of our people is the key to our success. We strive to attract and develop people with a good attitude who are strong communicators and can interact directly with our customers, and who are capable of making good decisions. In our industry, those things really do help to distinguish us from our competitors." He continues, "We work extremely hard to keep our employees around for the long-term. As a result, we are fortunate to have a very dedicated, hard-working team of employees who come together to help us achieve our goals and are committed to our combined success."

About Ruppert Landscape

Ruppert Landscape, a family and employee-owned business, provides commercial landscape construction and management with 18 branches serving seven primary markets in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., Richmond, Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta. The company has a long-standing tradition of growing its team and giving back to the community. Visit us at <u>www.ruppertlandscape.com</u>.

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