# The Excellence Awards 2014 WINNERS



# SILVER

### 1st and Rosemary Family and Senior Apartments

Location: San Jose, Calif. Developer: ROEM Corp. Type of Property: Rental No. of Floors: Four No. of Units: 290

Owner/Investor: 1st and Rosemary Family Housing LP;

1st and Rosemary Senior Housing LP.

Financier: Alliant Capital/JP Morgan, Citi Community Capital,

Prop 1C Funds, City of San Jose Architect: Architects Orange Interior Designer: Parisi Design Builder: ROEM Builders Inc.

Photographer: Keith Baker Photography

# **GOLD | Best New Development: Workforce**

## Elgin Artspace Lofts

Location: Elgin, III.

Developer, Owner/Investor: Artspace

Type of Property: Rental No. of Floors: Three No. of Units: 55

Financier: Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, City of Elgin, Fallbrook Credit Finance, Federal Home Loan Bank – AHP, Kane County, Ill., Housing Development Authority

Architect/Interior Designer: BKV Group Builder: Shales McNutt Construction Landscaping: BKV Group

Photographer: Kate Joyce Photography

Elgin Artspace Lofts provides a unique model for affordable housing, bringing together an important reuse of one of the City's storied historic buildings with a modern counterpart addition to create a community of artists and restore vitality

to this neighborhood. Elgin, Ill. is located 38 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, and has recently invested more than \$300 Million to improve its public infrastructure. Through this investment, Elgin has created a unique urban environment, transforming its downtown into an eclectic gathering of businesses, civic, cultural and recreational amenities, while also striving to provide a diverse housing mix. City leaders believed permanent affordable artist's housing would strengthen their emerging downtown arts culture while serving as a catalyst for continued development bringing vibrancy to their downtown. Elgin Artspace Lofts is helping the city re-brand its downtown as an entertainment and arts center. The project was designed to meet the needs of the local community and has far exceeded these goals, as evidenced by the fact it was 100 percent leased a month after opening.





"The live/work spirit is expressed in this project's spacious light-filled shared spaces."

- Judge's comment on Elgin Artspace Lofts