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MIDPEN HOUSING PARTNERSHIP RECOGNIZED WITH GLOBAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

**San Jose, CA, November 18, 2013** – Northern California developer and contractor Barry Swenson Builder (BSB) announced today it has been honored by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) with a Global Award for Excellence for its general contracting efforts on the <u>Station Center</u>. The program honors real estate projects that excel in design, construction, economics, planning and management.

BSB's contributions helped transform the 105 acre site into an innovative affordable housing community that provides homes for low-income working families or individuals - 157 homes in the five-story structure. "It's amazing how Union City has had such a vision for this underutilized land. The potential is enormous," says Matthew Franklin, president of MidPen Housing Corp.

BSB partnered with MidPen Housing Corp. to construct the project that consists of three buildings including two apartment buildings and one parking structure. The Station Center offers many amenities to residents that include fitness and community center, pool, commercial space, gardens, and children's play area. There is an additional 9,000 sf of retail and café space to support this growing community. BSB president Case Swenson said, "I'm proud of our relationship with MidPen Housing and really jazzed BSB could help build an affordable housing community for families in Union City."

**Background:** The Station Center was completed in spring 2012. The project consisted of 219,358 sf and cost \$49M. The Station Center is LEED platinum certified. The architect is David Baker and developer is MidPen Housing.

**About BSB**: For thirty-five years, Barry Swenson Builder has been a dynamic partner in building the Bay Area. Three generations of expertise, along with a proven Design-Develop-Build platform, deliver an unparalleled level of creative design, quality developments and efficient construction practices. Throughout Northern California, BSB's wide range of construction and development services is backed by decades of resources, referrals and sound business practices that have made BSB a respected leader in the community.