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International Demand for Urban Design Propels AVRP Skyport

San Diego, CA, **February 16, 2017** – Due to the success of its recent merger and its 40-year history of urban design excellence, San Diego-headquartered AVRP Skyport Studios has become an internationally sought-after urban design expert. The partnership of <u>Doug Austin, FAIA</u>, Chairman, Founder and CEO of AVRP Studios, widely recognized for his portfolio of urban towers, with <u>Frank Wolden</u>, Founding Principal of Skyport Studio, the urbanist visionary, has propelled the firm to become a global resource for urban architecture and design.

In recent months, AVRP Skyport has emerged at the forefront of urban design, and is being sought after by cities and municipalities worldwide to reexamine their urban centers. Doug Austin was recently invited to speak at CoRe | Urban Forum CDMX 2016 in December. The forum consisted of 100 carefully selected international experts who presented and discussed ways to produce a better Mexico City.

Austin says, "As one of the largest cities in the world, Mexico City has complex issues, but unlimited possibilities. I was excited to share what I've learned about vision, rules for success, and incentives to help make a more livable Mexico City."

The firm was recently asked to provide design expertise for an iconic project that will serve as a gateway to the City of Vancouver, Canada. The project, which will become one of the most significant buildings in North America, may achieve over 70 stories, including a sizable affordable housing component. Additionally, the firm's principals, Randy Robbins, AIA, LEED AP and Christopher T. Veum, AAIA, IIDA are honored to have been invited to provide design expertise for projects in Nashville and the Phoenix area.

"We are pleased to be recognized on an international scale," says Frank Wolden, Principal at AVRP Skyport Studios. "After decades of designing thriving urban projects, we have an abundance of experience that can benefit cities around the globe."

About AVRP Skyport Studios

AVRP Skyport Studios strives to find and develop an original idea that drives the creative process for each project. The firm's urban design experience helps shape its growing healthcare and education portfolios. 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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