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**Novogradac Promotes Five Principals Across Country to Partner**

New Partners Provide Depth of Knowledge to National Enterprise

SAN FRANCISCO—National accounting and consulting enterprise Novogradac elevated George Barlow and Rob Bryant of the Dover, Ohio, office; Chris Key of the Atlanta office; Brent Parker of the Long Beach, Calif., office; and Lindsey Sutton of the Austin, Texas, office to partner. Novogradac, which specializes in affordable housing, community development, historic preservation and renewable energy, has 67 partners in more than 25 cities nationwide.

“I am excited to announce that Brent, Chris, George, Lindsey and Rob have been promoted to partner,” said Michael J. Novogradac, managing partner of Novogradac. “Each partner brings with them a wealth of knowledge that will help Novogradac continue to serve its growing clientele.”

Barlow specializes in new markets tax credits (NMTCs), historic tax credits (HTCs), renewable energy tax credits (RETCs), the opportunity zones (OZ) incentive and other state tax credits and incentives. He has consulted on more than 400 tax credit transactions with cumulative development financing exceeding \$5 billion. He works with real estate developers, community development entities, syndicators, lenders and investors on the complex structuring, financing and syndication of NMTC, HTC, RETC and OZ transactions. He also advises on tax and regulatory matters in addition to providing traditional audit, cost certifications and tax services. Barlow earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting and master’s degree in accounting from Kent State University. He is licensed as a certified public accountant in Ohio.



Bryant specializes in consulting services for NMTC, RETC, HTC and OZ transactions. Bryant has provided consulting and financial modeling services for more than 450 transactions, exceeding \$11 billion in NMTC allocation, including numerous twinned structures using HTCs and RETCs and stacked structures combining state and federal NMTCs. He also has experience with financial statement audits, tax return preparation, final cost certification audits, cost segregation studies and transaction document review services. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Kent State University. He is licensed as a certified public accountant in Ohio.

Key has extensive experience in developer consulting with an emphasis in real estate partnership audit, taxation, final cost certification audits, development period special purpose attest engagements and consulting. He is experienced in affordable housing transactions, specializes in the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC), and has extensive experience in performing LIHTC property compliance testing. Key has worked extensively with equity sponsors specializing in equity fund audit and tax consulting, as well as auditing requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He is a frequent speaker at industry conferences and seminars on affordable housing industry topics. Key received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Anderson University in South Carolina and is a member of the Georgia Society of CPAs. He is licensed in Georgia as a certified public accountant.

Parker is experienced in affordable housing and community development, nonprofit organizations and public housing authorities, historic rehabilitation, and renewable energy, with a particular focus on the LIHTC, investments in qualified opportunity funds, RETCs, NMTC and HTC communities. In addition to providing various consulting and forecasting services, Parker leads extensive tax planning and tax return preparation engagements for a wide variety of clientele and works extensively on financial statement audits, reviews and agreed-upon procedures engagements. In response to growing demand, Parker has become a frequent presenter on OZ panels and workshops in several states. He is also a contributor to the Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits and leads professional development training efforts on various complex taxation concepts. Parker received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Southern California and is a certified public accountant in California.



Sutton works in the Government Consulting and Valuation Advisory Services group of Novogradac and has more than 10 years of professional experience and extensive knowledge in market analysis and valuation of multifamily properties in the affordable housing world. She has performed various types of multifamily analyses, feasibility studies, rent comparability studies, partnership valuations and appraisals for residential and commercial developments funded by LIHTCs and HUD, as well as the U.S. Department of Agricultural Rural Development and conventional developers. She also specializes in consulting for syndicators, developers and lending agencies with extensive experience for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Sutton has extensive knowledge of the HUD Rental Assistance Demonstration program and has provided appraisal and other various consulting services under this program. Sutton also provides consulting services including various model building for mixed-use and multifamily assets. Sutton received her bachelor's degree in finance from Texas State University. She is a certified general appraiser and licensed in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Colorado, Georgia and Washington and is currently a candidate for designation.

#### **About Novogradac**

Novogradac, which has been in business for more than 30 years, has grown to more than 650 employees and partners with offices in more than 25 cities. Tax, audit and consulting specialty practice areas for Novogradac include affordable housing, OZs, community development, historic rehabilitation and renewable energy.

For additional information on Novogradac's personnel and areas of expertise, visit [www.novoco.com](http://www.novoco.com) or call (415) 356-8000. Learn more about these partners at <https://www.novoco.com/newpartners2021>.

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