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Equity Office wins two BOMA Building of the Year Awards for Operational Excellence

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Equity Office was recognized at The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Building of the Year Awards (TOBY) for Operational Excellence at the Wellesley Office Park and One Memorial Dr., in Cambridge. This is the first TOBY award for the Wellesley Office Park and the second for One Memorial Dr.

Wellesley Office Park is comprised of eight buildings totaling 641,700 s/f of office space. In 2008, the assets underwent a multi-million dollar renovation to restore and re-glaze a number of the building facades, upgrade the lobbies and introduced a full service amenities center featuring: a fitness center, conferencing center, bistro and coffee bar. The park also includes a day care center. The Wellesley Office park is located 12 miles west of Boston at the junction of Rtes. 9 and 128 (I-95) and I-90. The park is situated on 22 landscaped acres that integrate with the natural landscape that flows to the banks of the Charles River.

One Memorial Dr. has been designated for the second year with the TOBY honor. One Memorial Dr. also underwent a multi-million dollar lobby renovation in 2008 and has a fitness center and contemporary bistro. Some of the nation's top technology companies call it home. The property is located adjacent to the MIT Sloane School campus and minutes from Kendall Sq. and downtown Boston. The building has views of the Charles River and the city of Boston. The five-sided, 17-story building features 352,000 s/f of office space on the riverfront.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for the hard work we put in at each of our buildings. We have assembled the highest caliber team with a range of expertise. We strive to achieve the highest excellence at all of our buildings and we are thrilled to receive an award that validates our investment," said Karen Baker, senior vice president operations, Equity Office Properties.

Equity Office engineer, John Bangs was also nominated for Engineer of the Year.

About Equity Office

Equity Office owns and manages approximately 11 million square feet in greater Boston, including signature properties such as 222 Berkeley Street, 500 Boylston Street, 100 Summer Street and 60 State Street. Equity Office is owner and operator of more than 59 million square feet in over 400 buildings through the US. The company is an affiliate of The Blackstone Group, a premier global private equity firm. www.equityoffice.com

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