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NAIOP selects Boston Properties for Sustainable Development

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NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, has selected Boston Properties as the recipient of its annual Sustainable Development Award. Boston Props. is being honored for the Atlantic Wharf project, a mixed-use building. The Atlantic Wharf project was selected for the innovative use of sustainable elements, including:

- A rain harvesting system that captures stormwater and reuses it for both HVAC and irrigation
- A green roof on the majority of the Waterfront building roof to reduce the non-roof heat island effect
- Re-use and integration of 41.8% of the existing historic structures that were on site
- Energy efficiency measures include an improved thermal envelope, high efficiency glazing, a high efficiency boiler, and garage ventilation controls
- An insulated glass curtain wall maximizes natural day light while also contributing to a thermally efficient envelope
- 100% of the metal waste (structural steel) was recycled or re-used

The construction waste management plan successfully diverted more than 95% of the waste generated from the projects from landfills. "We are thrilled to receive this honor from NAIOP," said Bryan Koop, senior vice president and regional manager for Boston Props. "Building Atlantic Wharf as Boston's first green skyscraper proves that successful development can be done with a conscious regard for the environment." The award was presented during a special ceremony on October 24, at NAIOP's Development '12: The Annual Meeting for Commercial Real Estate, in Washington, D.C. "This project exemplifies the dedication of our members to create innovative and sustainable projects that contribute value not only to the developments themselves, but to the communities they serve," said NAIOP president and CEO Thomas Bisacquino. NAIOP established the Sustainable Development Award in 2005 to recognize the growing number of firms engaged in green development. NAIOP and its member companies are committed to developing model properties adhering to the highest standards in the industry and believe that socially conscious development is essential to the economic vitality of the industry. Applicants were judged on a number of criteria, including company commitment to sustainability, project history, economic analysis, water efficiency, energy efficiency, accessibility, innovation and other sustainable attributes. Entries for the award were reviewed by industry leaders. In 2012, the Sustainable Development Award is sponsored by The JBG Cos. and USAA Real Estate Co. Previous recipients of the award include: (2011) Bissell for Boyle and Harris Office project in Charlotte, N.C.; (2010) Vulcan Real Estate for Alley24 in Seattle, Wash., and Pacific Plaza LLC for Pacific Plaza in Tacoma, Wash.; (2009) ProLogis for its sustainable distribution center for S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., and Forest City Covington for its office building that houses Fidelity Investments at Mesa del Sol; (2008) Aardex LLC of Golden, Colo., for its speculative project, The Signature Centre, and Hamilton Partners its build-to-suit project, HSBC-North America headquarters, in Mettawa, Ill.; (2007) the Georgetown Co., New York, N.Y., for their speculative project, the Lazarus Building, and Liberty Property Trust for the build-to-suit JohnsonDiversey

project in Milwaukee, Wis.; (2006) Hines for their project at 1180 Peachtree in Atlanta; and (2005) Corporate Office Properties Trust for its development at 318 Sentinel in Annapolis Junction, Md.

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