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Six Boston buildings to be recognized at the Mid-Atlantic TOBY Awards

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BOMA Boston had six buildings named as BOMA Mid-Atlantic (MAC) Region The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Award winners. The BOMA TOBY Awards recognize excellence in building operations and property management at the local, regional and international level. The 2013 BOMA MAC Regional TOBY Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, March 22nd at the Marriott Baltimore Waterfront, in Baltimore, MD.

This year's BOMA MAC TOBY Awards will recognize six BOMA Boston member buildings as Regional Buildings of the Year:

- * Over 1 Million s/f: One Financial Center, owned by Beacon Capital Partners, managed by Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc.
- * Government Building: 1550 Main, owned by Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, managed by CBRE | New England
- * Earth Award: T-C 33 Arch St., owned by TIAA-CREF, managed by CBRE | New England
- * Historical Building: Seaport World Trade Center, owned by the Trustees of Commonwealth Pier Trust II, managed by CBRE | New England
- * Suburban Office Park Mid-Rise: 125 & 150 Cambridgepark Dr., owned by BRE/CPD LLC, managed by Equity Office
- * Suburban Office Park Low-Rise: Reservoir Woods West, owned by PDM 930 Unit, LLC, managed by Davis Marcus Management

These buildings, represented by their management teams, competed against buildings in 14 other BOMA local chapters in the 7 states comprising the Mid-Atlantic region. Winners of the MAC TOBY competition move onto the BOMA International TOBY competition at the Every Building Conference and Expo, to be held June 23rd-25th, in San Diego. It is there that BOMA International will announce the International TOBY winners.

BOMA Boston held its second Roundtable luncheon of the year on February 19th. Chris Watson, a research assistant at UMass Boston's environmental, earth and ocean sciences program, led a discussion on the topic of climate change and the potential consequences the city's buildings could suffer as sea levels continue to rise. The presentation was based on a report titled, Preparing for the Rising Tide, created by The Boston Harbor Association (TBHA), released in early February. Watson is a co-author of the report, along with Dr. Ellen Douglas, Dr. Paul Kirshen, Julie Wormser and TBHA president Vivien Li, who spoke at a BOMA Executive Series in May 2012. According to the report, up to 30% of Boston could be flooded by 2050 due to a steady rise in the average annual temperatures in the northeast, especially in the last few decades. The message conveyed by Watson was clear - climate change and rising sea levels are inevitable. However, building owners in Boston can be proactive and take steps to ensure that their buildings will continue to stand and

perform long into the future. This can be accomplished through establishing the proper partnerships between the private and public sectors that allows for necessary "robust" preparedness plans and adaptations to be made to buildings in a cost-efficient and practical way.

BOMA Boston holds 8-10 Roundtable programs per year, focusing on timely topics relevant to professionals in the real estate industry.

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