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BOMA GREATER MINNEAPOLIS RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

Awards are presented to individuals and buildings who represent the Best of BOMA

Minneapolis, MN, February 16, 2017 – BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Association) Greater Minneapolis held their 4th annual Best of BOMA Gala on February 16, 2017. Multiple awards, such as the Property Management Professional of the Year Award and The Outstanding Building of the Year Award, were presented to individuals and buildings who are dedicated to energy efficiency, property form and function, and tenant satisfaction.

“Every nominee exemplifies the very best in our industry. Their professionalism and commitment to excellence translates into well-operated commercial office buildings and high tenant satisfaction. These awards recognize their accomplishments,” said Kevin Lewis, BOMA Greater Minneapolis Executive Director.

Seven individual awards went to:

- Senior Property Management Professional of the Year – Russ Van Beck, Hines
- Property Management Professional of the Year – Katie Bongard, Piedmont Office Realty Trust
- Emerging Leader of the Year – Justin Luetschwager, Cushman & Wakefield NorthMarq
- Senior Building Engineer of the Year – Steve Briggs, Able Engineering Services
- Building Engineer of the Year – Tony Heimkes, Hines
- Service Partner of the Year – Sandra Schadegg, Harvard
- President’s Award – Jon Kuskie, Zeller Realty Group

Five awards were presented to properties in the Greater Minneapolis area. The Outstanding Building of the Year awards, or TOBY awards, are the most prestigious and comprehensive awards given to properties in the commercial real estate industry. These buildings will now advance to the regional TOBY competition, with winners of that regional competition advancing to the BOMA International TOBY competition, held in late June.

The TOBY awards were presented to:

- Suburban Office Park (Mid-Rise) Category – Centennial Lakes Office Park in Edina, owned by United Properties Investment, LLC & State Farm Realty Company and managed by Cushman & Wakefield NorthMarq

- 250,000-499,999 Square Feet Category – Crescent Ridge Corporate Center II in Minnetonka, owned by Piedmont Operating Partnership, LP and managed by Piedmont Office Realty Trust
- 500,000-1 Million Square Feet Category – Marquette Plaza in Minneapolis, owned by FRM Associates, LLC and managed by Base Management
- Renovated Building Category – RBC Plaza in Minneapolis, owned by KBS and managed by Cushman & Wakefield NorthMarq
- Corporate Facility Category – Target Plaza in Minneapolis, owned by Target Corporation and managed by Target Corporate Real Estate

The Gala was attended by over 350 commercial real estate professionals and guests, and was sponsored by the following companies:

- Platinum Sponsors – Denison Parking, Harvard, NRG Energy Center Minneapolis
- Gold Sponsors – ABM Onsite Services, Accesso Services, Cushman & Wakefield NorthMarq, Kimberly Clark, Kraus-Anderson Realty Company, Ryan Companies US, Target Corporation, The 614 Company, Wildamere Capital Management, Xcel Energy
- Silver Sponsors – Aspen Waste Systems, CBRE, CenterPoint Energy, Clean Response, Impark, JLL, Low Voltage Contractors, NTH, Inc., Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Schindler Elevator Corporation, Shorestein Realty Services

About the TOBY Awards

The TOBY Awards recognize excellence in office building management in 15 different categories based on size and facility type. Buildings are judged by all facets of building operations including energy management, tenant relations, community involvement, emergency preparedness, and security. To qualify for the international level of this competition, these buildings had to win the “The Outstanding Building of the Year” in a locally judged competition and also earn the TOBY regional distinction as determined by the Midwest Northern Region judges. Buildings were required to submit a detailed application and undergo an extensive building inspection process by a team of TOBY judges. In addition, the management team is interviewed by a judging panel regarding the building’s tenant relations programs, work order systems, emergency preparedness/security standards, budgeting, recordkeeping, and staff experience and training.

About BOMA Greater Minneapolis

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Minneapolis is an industry-leading organization of nearly 700 commercial real estate professionals. Members own or manage nearly 200 buildings containing more than 60 million square feet of office space in Greater Minneapolis areas. As the sixth largest BOMA in the country, BOMA Greater Minneapolis is a strong advocate for its members at the local, state, and federal levels in the areas of commercial real estate taxes as well as construction codes, energy efficiency initiatives, and other issues that affect our members. BOMA also offers its members high quality professional development, best practice standards, industry information and analysis, and networking. Federated with BOMA International.

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