



Announcing BOMA's 2017 Local TOBY Winner
in the 500,000-1 Million Sq. Ft. Category

Marquette Plaza

Owned by FRM Associates, LLC
Managed by Base Management



The Outstanding Building of the Year (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. 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.

Winners of the local competition 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.

Marquette Plaza, owned and redeveloped by FRM Associates LLC into a Class A office building in 2001, is a world-renowned architectural icon featuring a one-of-a-kind catenary arch structure originally designed by architect Gunnar Birkerts. It is most identifiable by the building's signature "smile" and contains 13 open tenant floors totaling roughly 534,000 square feet. The property's exterior features a 1.5 acre landscaped park for cancer survivors which serves as a green roof for the property's underground parking structure directly below. In 2011, the skyway-connected Marquette Plaza became the first building in downtown Minneapolis to achieve LEED Platinum certification - the highest possible recognition given by the U.S. Green Building Council for excellence in energy efficiency and environmental design.

Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Greater Minneapolis held its 4th annual Best of BOMA Gala on February 16, 2017 to recognize and celebrate the best commercial real estate professionals, the best commercial real estate properties, and the best service providers in the industry.

TOBY awards were presented in five categories: 250,000-499,999 Sq. Ft., 500,000-1 Million Sq. Ft., Corporate Facility, Renovated Building, and Suburban Office Park (Mid-Rise). Information about the other award recipients can be found at www.bomampls.org.