



BOMA Canada Honours Excellence in Commercial Real Estate

TORONTO, December 01, 2004 — The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada has announced the winners of the prestigious 2004 national awards in recognition of excellence in the Canadian commercial real estate industry.

The President of BOMA Canada, Hugh Gorman, offered his congratulations to the winners and to all finalists, each of whom has already been an award winner at the local level. “BOMA Canada’s national awards program recognizes the very best of the dynamic Canadian commercial real estate industry,” Gorman said. “These awards acknowledge the special efforts made by those in the industry whose leadership and hard work set new benchmarks and define the shape of things to come.”

Gorman presented the awards during the 2004 BOMA Canada National Awards Gala, held December 01, 2004 in Toronto.

The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Awards salute the stars of the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in property management, operations, resource conservation, environmental awareness, leasing and building design, customer service and innovation.

All facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency evacuation procedures, property management functions, maintenance programs, operating costs and control procedures, security and life safety procedures, energy management programs, environmental programs, architectural significance and appearance, and staff development programs.

The competition consists of three levels of judging: the first level of competition is at the local level, by local BOMA associations across Canada. Winning local entries then advance to the national level; and finally Canada's national winners are eligible to advance to the BOMA International competition in 2005.

Winners of the national TOBY Awards were announced in ten (10) categories.

The Office Building of the Year – 100,000 - 249,999 Square Feet

Winner: **IBM Building** - Bentall Real Estate Services, Calgary, Alberta

The Office Building of the Year – 250,000 – 499,999 Square Feet

Winner: **3389 Steeles Ave. East (Steeles Technology Campus)** - Bentall Real Estate Services / BTC Properties II Ltd. & 3160343 Canada Inc., Toronto, Ontario

The Office Building of the Year – 500,000 - One Million Square Feet

Winner: **6880 Financial Drive** - 3170497 Canada Inc., / Bentall Real Estate Services LP, Mississauga, Ontario

The Office Building of the Year – Over One Million Square Feet

Winner: **Bankers Hall Complex** - Brookfield Properties Corporation, Calgary, Alberta

The Office Building of the Year – Renovated Building

Winner: **John Sopinka Courthouse** - SNC-Lavalin ProFac Inc., Hamilton, Ontario

The Office Building of the Year – Historical Building

Winner: **The Connaught Building** - BLJC Facility Management Services / Public Works and Government Services Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

The Office Building of the Year – Corporate Facility

Winner: **Casino Nova Scotia Halifax** - Metropolitan Entertainment Group, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Office Building of the Year – Government Building

Winner: **Thomas D’Arcy McGee Building** - BLJC Facility Management Services / Public Works and Government Services Canada, Ottawa, Ontario

The Office Building of the Year – Suburban Office Park (low-rise)

Winner: **CFB Business Park** - O & Y Enterprise, Calgary, Alberta

The Office Building of the Year – Suburban Office Park (mid-rise)

Winner: **Trillium Executive Centre** - GWL Realty Advisors Inc., Markham, Ontario

BOMA Canada's **Pinnacle Awards** recognize companies that represent a standard of excellence to which all BOMA members and their employees should aspire. The Pinnacle Awards recognize innovation, teamwork, outstanding service and commitment to clients. BOMA Canada announced winners in two categories.

Pinnacle Award – Above & Beyond

Winner: **GAL Power Systems**, Ottawa, Ontario

Pinnacle Award – Innovation

Winner: **Johnson Controls LP**, Edmonton, Alberta

The **Earth Award** is BOMA Canada's recognition of excellence in resource preservation and environmentally sound commercial building management. The BOMA Canada Earth Award for 2004 is presented to a building that has made significant efforts to address environmental issues faced by both older and newer buildings.

Winner: **Canada Place** - Public Works & Government Services Canada, Edmonton, Alberta

Finally, BOMA Canada's **President's Award** recognizes exceptional leadership and a singularly outstanding contribution to BOMA Canada and its members. Hugh Gorman was pleased to announce Fred Speer, Senior Vice President, National Capital Region, O&Y Enterprise, as the recipient of the 2004 President's Award. "The strength of the Building Owners and Managers Association lies in the many dedicated volunteers who serve the association and its members at the local, national and international levels," he said. "Fred's on-going passion for the industry, the association and its people seems boundless, as evidenced by his sustained active involvement and dedication of time and energy, at all levels of BOMA. More important than his contribution to the industry, is his contribution as a mentor and a leader of people. He sets an example for all of us in his volunteer service to the association and to the industry."

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Canada, the voice of the Canadian commercial real estate industry, is comprised of over 2000 members from coast to coast, representing over 500 million square feet of office space in Canada. BOMA Canada represents the Canadian commercial real estate industry on matters of national concern, promotes excellence in the industry through information, education and recognition, and, through BOMA International, provides recognized industry standards and research.

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For more details on the BOMA Canada Awards Program and criteria, please visit our website at :
<http://www.bomacanada.org/Events/BOMACanadaAwards/>

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