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**Two Local Management Companies Achieve TOBY (The Office Building of the Year) Awards at Regional Level; Applications for 2009-2010 Awards Due March 20**

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) is delighted to announce that two 2008 Local TOBY winners have won Regional TOBY Awards for the BOMA Mid-Atlantic Region. One of the real estate industry's most prestigious annual awards, the TOBY (The Office Building of the Year) program recognizes excellence in building management, operational efficiency and community impact.

*An application for the 2009-2010 TOBY Awards, due by March 20, 2009, may be downloaded at [www.aoba-metro.org/about/awards](http://www.aoba-metro.org/about/awards).*

The 2008 Regional TOBY winners that will now advance to the International level are: **1700 K Street**, Vornado/Charles E. Smith, (250,000-499,999 square foot category), and **Two Ballston Plaza**, Brookfield Properties, (100,000-249,999 square foot category.)

AOBA extends congratulations to these two outstanding management teams and their companies.

According to Colleen Dolby, General Manager, Brookfield Properties, "Our team, including vendors, has always operated as a cohesive group with common goals. The TOBY experience validated and highlighted that cohesion. It was very rewarding process for all involved."

Michael Hood, Senior Property Manager, Vornado/Charles E. Smith, noted, "The TOBY competition provides not only a chance to promote your building, it also allows an excellent opportunity to showcase the true building asset – the management team!" ##

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