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***Two Local Buildings Advance to Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition in
“The Office Building of the Year” Awards***

Washington, DC – The Apartment and Office Building Association (AOBA) congratulates two local winners of the Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Awards competition. These winners, managed by **Boston Properties** and **Duke Realty Corporation**, advanced from the local, metropolitan Washington, DC level to the Mid-Atlantic regional level (encompassing cities from Richmond to Boston), and will now compete internationally. The AOBA member properties are: *One Freedom Square* in Reston, VA (250,000-499,999 Category), managed by Boston Properties; and *1701/1703 N. Beauregard Street* in Alexandria, VA (Suburban Office Park, Mid-Rise Category), managed by Duke Realty Corporation.

According to expert judges, these two local winners had exemplary management procedures in place, strong organization in all departments and excellent technology for employees and tenants.

A program established by the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International in 1984, the awards have attracted a growing number of applications in recent years. The TOBY Awards process involves a rigorous review of the applicant’s building by an expert judging panel, which tours the building and interviews management staff on all aspects of the building’s internal and external facilities.

“Of all the numerous awards available in the commercial real estate industry, the TOBY stands out as the most distinguished. The award process generates pride and brings recognition to everyone, from the property owner and management team to the building’s vendors. We are very proud to have local buildings receive this significant recognition,” said Mary Lynch, Vice President, Akridge and 2008 President of AOBA.

Area real estate professionals are invited to the 2008 TOBY Awards Celebration luncheon, on Friday, June 27 at the JW Marriott Washington. For more info, call 202.296.3390. ##

AOBA is the leading membership organization representing owners/managers of commercial office buildings and multi-family residential real estate in the Washington, DC region. AOBA members enjoy membership benefits in its national affiliates: the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) and the National Apartment Association. For more info, visit www.aoba-metro.org