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**Call for Entries Announced for Prestigious TOBY Award
Entries for “The Office Building of the Year” Are Due March 21**

Washington, DC - Owners and managers of office buildings in the Washington, DC area are invited to apply for the 2008-2009 TOBY Award, one of the real estate industry's most prestigious annual awards that recognizes excellence in building management, operational efficiency and community impact. Over the years, numerous local buildings have advanced to the national and international levels of this distinguished competition.

A program established by the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International in 1984, the award has attracted a growing number of applications in recent years. The TOBY Award process involves a vigorous review of the applicant's building by an expert judging panel, who tour the building and interview management staff on all aspects of the building's internal and external facilities and daily management.

To apply for the 2008-2009 TOBY Award, buildings may choose one of 14 different categories – from historic buildings and corporate facilities to suburban office parks. This year, a new “Green Building” category has been added. To introduce companies to the local application process, the Apartment and Office Building Association - BOMA's affiliate in the Washington area - will host a **TOBY Seminar and Video Premiere on Feb. 14 from 9am to noon** at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in downtown DC.

For a 2008-2009 TOBY Award Registration Form, and for more info on the Feb. 14 Seminar, visit AOBA's newly designed website at www.aoba-metro.org, email Pam Oeler at poeler@aoba-metro.org, or call 202.296.3390.

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The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) is the leading membership organization representing owners and managers of commercial office buildings and multi-family residential real estate in the Washington, DC region. Members of AOBA enjoy membership benefits in its national affiliates: the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) and the National Apartment Association.