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**Four Office Building Teams, Commercial Engineers Win Prestigious Awards;  
New K.E.E.P. Awards Launched at AOBA's 2016 TOBY Awards Celebration**

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) congratulates the distinguished winners of the 32th Annual **TOBY (The Outstanding Building of the Year) Awards**. The winning management teams were honored on at a June 8th industry dinner at the Fairmont Washington, DC. Nearly 300 commercial property management professionals attended the event, which featured Rich Greninger, Carr Properties, and Ben Comm, Cushman & Wakefield, as Masters of Ceremonies.

One of the real estate industry's most prestigious award programs, TOBY recognizes excellence in building management, operational efficiency and community impact. Established by the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International in 1984, the annual TOBY awards process includes a rigorous review - via an on-site inspection tour - of all facets of the building's operation and management.

The following are **2016 local winners** listed by award category:

*Suburban Office Park, Low-Rise*

Atlantic Corporate Park – Managed by First Potomac Realty Trust, LP --**Grand Local Winner**

*100,000 – 249,999 Square Foot Building*

1750 H Street – Managed by First Potomac Realty Trust, LP

*250,000 – 499,999 Square Foot Building*

800 17<sup>th</sup> Street – Managed by JLL

*Renovated Building*

Bethesda Crossing – Managed by MRP Realty

The evening also featured the presentation of the **2016 Commercial Chief/ Lead Engineer of the Year Award** to Luis Miranda, Vornado/Charles E. Smith, and the **2016 Commercial Building Engineer/Maintenance Technician Award** to Dwayne Walker, S.C. Herman & Associates.

In a first-ever addition to the TOBY program, the K.E.E.P. Awards were launched. Developed by AOBA's Emergency Preparedness Committee, this new award program is designed to recognize "*Knowledge and Excellence in Emergency Preparedness.*"

**2016 K.E.E.P. Award recipients are:**

1200 K Street - managed by Brookfield

1875 Connecticut Avenue - managed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith

1101 17<sup>th</sup> Street - managed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith

For more about the 2016 TOBY Awards, please visit [aoba-metro.org/About Us/Awards](http://aoba-metro.org/AboutUs/Awards). ##