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**Office Building Teams, Commercial Engineers Win Prestigious Awards  
at AOBA's 2017 TOBY Awards Celebration**

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) congratulates the distinguished winners of the 33th Annual **TOBY (The Outstanding Building of the Year) Awards**. The winning management teams were honored on at a June 15th industry dinner at the Fairmont Washington, DC. Approximately 300 commercial property management professionals attended the event, which featured Judy Tria, First Potomac Realty Trust, LP, and Todd Anderson, Vornado/Charles E. Smith, 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 of all facets of the building's operation and management.

The following are **2017 local winners** listed by award category:

*100,000 – 249,999 Square Foot Building*  
**Center for Strategic & International Studies, managed by CBRE**

*250,000 – 499,999 Square Foot Building*  
**Crystal Gateway North, managed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith**

*Over 1 Million Square Feet*  
**GRAND LOCAL TOBY Winner: U.S. Department of Transportation, managed by The JBG Companies**

*Renovated Building*  
**Silverline Center, managed by Washington REIT**

*Historical Building*  
**1101 17<sup>th</sup> Street, managed by Vornado/ Charles E. Smith**

The evening also featured the presentation of the **2017 Commercial Engineer of the Year Award** to professionals in three categories: *Chief/Lead Engineer*: **Mike Keely, CBRE**; *Building Operating Engineer*: **Michael Morgan, Brookfield**; and *Maintenance Tech/Maintenance Mechanic*: **Charley Chavez, Boston Properties**.

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

**2017 K.E.E.P. Award recipients are:**

- **1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW, managed by Brookfield**
- **1730 M Street, NW, managed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith**
- **2345 Crystal Drive, managed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith**

For more about the 2017 TOBY Awards, please visit [aoba-metro.org/ About Us/ Awards](http://aoba-metro.org/About%20Us/Awards).

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