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Office Building Teams, Commercial Engineers Win Prestigious Awards at AOBA's 2018 Commercial Awards Celebration

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) congratulates the distinguished entrants and winners honored at its *Commercial Awards Celebration*. The winning management teams and individuals received awards at a June 14th industry dinner at the Fairmont Washington, DC. Approximately 225 commercial property management professionals attended the event at the Fairmont Hotel, which featured Bill Clark, Blake Real Estate, Inc., and Caroline Kruger, Boston Properties, as Masters of Ceremonies.

The evening began with the presentation of one of the real estate industry's most prestigious award programs, The **TOBY** (**The Outstanding Building of the Year) Awards** recognize 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 **2018 local TOBY winners** listed by award category:

100,000 – 249,999 Square Foot Building 1800 K Street, NW, managed by Transwestern Washington, DC

250,000 – 499,999 Square Foot Building

Wisconsin Place, managed by Boston Properties – *GRAND LOCAL TOBY WINNER* Washington, DC

The evening included the presentation of the **2018** *Commercial Engineer of the Year Award* in the category of *Chief/Lead Engineer*. **Jim Parrotte**, **JBG SMITH** received the award and **David Greenspun**, **Blake Real Estate**, **Inc.**, received an Honorable Mention.

Now in its third year, the **K.E.E.P. Awards** were also presented. Developed by AOBA's Emergency Preparedness Committee, this award program is designed to recognize "*Knowledge and Excellence in Emergency Preparedness*."

2018 K.E.E.P. Award recipients are:

- 455 Massachusetts Avenue, managed by Cushman and Wakefield
- 3000 & 3050 K Street Washington Harbour, managed by MRP Real Estate Services Group, LLC
- 2001 M Street, managed by Brookfield

Finally, TOBY-award winning buildings that won at the TOBY Regional level were also recognized. TOBY GRAND REGIONAL winner, **U.S. Department of Transportation**, managed by **JBG SMITH**, and **1101 17**th **Street**, also managed by **JBG SMITH**, were given special kudos – with best wishes for success at the International competition level.

For more about these award programs, please visit *aoba-metro.org/ About Us/ Awards*.
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AOBA is the local affiliate of the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) and the National Apartment Association (NAA). For more info, please visit www.aoba-metro.org.