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AOBA Commercial Awards Salute Operations Excellence, Emergency Preparedness

Joey Sanchez of JBG Smith won the Building Engineer of the Year Award, and Brad Cleaveland of Transwestern the Chief/Lead Engineer of the Year Award, at the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA)'s annual Commercial Awards on June 13. The awards recognize commercial building engineers for outstanding work operating and monitoring the technical services of their buildings. AOBA also saluted building operation teams representing Stream Realty Partners and Blake Real Estate with Knowledge and Excellence in Emergency Preparedness (K.E.E.P.) Awards.

The **Engineer of the Year Awards**, now in their sixth year, recognize the outstanding engineering professionals who ensure the successful operation of commercial office buildings. Each year, commercial building colleagues nominate their Chief/Lead or Maintenance Engineers for the outstanding work operating and monitoring the technical services in their tenant's buildings.

The 2019 Commercial Engineer of the Year Award winners are:

Building Engineer of the Year:

Joey Sanchez, JBG SMITH

Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Fiore, Stream Realty Partners

Chief/Lead Engineer of the Year:

Brad Cleaveland, Transwestern

Honorable Mention: Scott Napolitano, Monday Properties

Speaking of Mr. Sanchez, a judge in the competition noted, "Within five years in the trade, his desire to learn and professional growth have provided him the opportunity to join the JBG Smith Tenant Service Center and further develop in the area of operations efficiencies." "He clearly has a bright future ahead in this field," said Gigi Galbraith, Director of Client Development for Capital Concierge, premier sponsor of the award.

"Brad Cleaveland is top of the class when it comes to education and certifications, and keeps an impeccable building as it pertains to his mechanical areas," said Bill Atkinson, Chair of AOBA's Engineer of the Year Committee.

The **Knowledge and Excellence in Emergency Preparedness (K.E.E.P.) Awards**, developed by AOBA's Emergency Preparedness Committee and launched in 2016, salute impressive strides in preparing for crises. The K.E.E.P. awards program is designed to encourage AOBA-member office building property management teams to have effective emergency plans in place, and the awards recognize leaders in this critical arena.

The following buildings are 2019 K.E.E.P. Award winners:

Overall:

Stream Realty Partners, 803 7th Street, NW

Outreach and Education:

Blake Real Estate, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

"The Stream Realty Partners Team excelled in 2018," said Joel Gininger, Area Vice President for Securitas, lead sponsor of the award, in presenting it to Venita Lee. A contest judge said, "Emergency readiness is their middle name when it comes to community engagement and preparedness programs. They have set up both their team and their tenants for success."

Aishia Rankin accepted the award for Blake Real Estate. A judge in the Outreach and Education category stated, "We are pleased to highlight a building team that manages a first-class office building downtown and efficiently partnered with Allied Security, the Golden Triangle Business Investment District (BID), and the D.C. Fire Department to maximize their efforts to educate and provide an excellent outreach program for their tenants."

AOBA in most years includes in its commercial awards the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA)'s The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) awards. This award is on hiatus in the AOBA region in 2019, and is slated to return in 2020.

AOBA is the leading membership organization representing commercial office building and multi-family residential real estate in the Washington, D.C. area. Our members are owners and managers of commercial and multi-family residential properties, and companies that provide products and services to the industry. Established in 1974, AOBA works to protect and enhance the value of its members' investments through effective leadership and advocacy, information exchange, and professional development. AOBA members' combined portfolio is more than 185 million square feet of office space and more than 350,000 residential units in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. AOBA is the local affiliate of the Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) and the National Apartment Association (NAA). Learn more at: www.aoba-metro.org.