

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:
Nadene Bristow/Nicole Lieppman
(310)322-9911

**BOMA of Greater LA to Celebrate
23rd Annual TOBY Awards
“The Outstanding Building of the Year”**

(Los Angeles, CA — August 10, 2008) The Board of Directors of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA) invites all members and friends of the commercial real estate community to "Emerald City," the 23rd annual TOBY (The Outstanding Building of the Year) Awards Gala. The highly attended, popular annual event will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the legendary Beverly Hilton Hotel, located at 9876 Wilshire Boulevard in the heart of Beverly Hills.

The Outstanding Building of the Year “TOBY” Awards Program is known as the most prestigious of its kind in the commercial real estate industry.

“We are looking forward to bestowing the TOBY Award on the deserving winner of 2008,” said Joseph Markling, Senior Vice President at Lowe Enterprises Investors, LLC and Chairman of the Board of BOMA/GLA. The winning properties of BOMA/GLA’s TOBYs will be invited to submit their projects to compete at the regional level.

“We are also excited about the terrific program for the evening, which will feature ‘entrepreneur extraordinaire’ Bill Rancic, winner of the first season of Donald Trump’s ‘The Apprentice,’” he added.

And speaking of emeralds: BOMA/GLA is taking steps to become greener in its operations. For this year’s Awards Gala, formal invitations will not be mailed. A special discount on tickets for the Emerald City TOBY Awards gala is available to guests who reserve before August 8, 2008. Please register online at: www.bomagla.org.

The Outstanding Building of the Year 23rd Annual TOBY Awards

“Emerald City”

Registration – 5:30 pm

Cocktail Reception & Building Showcase – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Dinner – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Welcome to Emerald City Awards Gala Presentation – 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Keynote Speaker Bill Rancic

Bill Rancic is an American entrepreneur who was the first candidate hired on national television by The Trump Organization at the conclusion of the first season of Donald Trump's reality business show, The Apprentice. Today, he is a consultant for the Trump Organization. BOMA/GLA proudly acknowledges the generous sponsors of his keynote appearance, Able Services and Duggan & Associates, Inc.

BOMA/GLA also thanks the management of three spectacular buildings, who are the kind sponsors of the Emerald City Gala Dinner – Century Plaza Towers, 2000 Avenue of the Stars and The Water Garden.

The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Award recognizes quality and excellence in the daily management of office buildings. It is the only competition in the Los Angeles area that honors outstanding commercial office buildings and excellence in building management. All facets of a building's operations are involved, including its tenant relations program, amenities package, community involvement, emergency evacuation procedures, building standards, accessibility and overall exceptional service.

Participation in the TOBY Awards program has nearly tripled from its inception 22 years ago, thanks to the participation of a wide group of BOMA members. TOBY has drawn attention to hundreds of office buildings across the U. S. and Canada, and to the owners, managers and architects who conceive, operate and design them.

Sponsorship opportunities for the Emerald City gala are still available. For further information, please contact Kimberly Clark, CSEP, Director of Meetings and Events, at 213.629.2622 ext. 107, or via email at: kclark@bomagla.org.

###

About BOMA Greater Los Angeles

BOMA of Greater Los Angeles is a not-for-profit trade association providing an array of services to commercial property professionals, including labor negotiations, legislative and regulatory advocacy, and professional development. BOMA/GLA represents more than 150 million square feet of commercial real estate in Greater Los Angeles, and is federated with BOMA International. Learn more at www.bomagla.org

About BOMA International

Founded in 1907, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International is an international federation of more than 100 local associations and affiliated organizations. The 17,000-plus members of BOMA International own or manage more than 9 billion square feet of commercial properties in North America and abroad. BOMA's mission is to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information. On the Web at www.boma.org.