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BOMA Bay Area EARTH Awards Recognize Buildings' Best Green Practices *Winning Commercial Property Operators and Managers Excel in Sustainable Programs*

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 – Commercial buildings that are going greener with winning sustainability programs were honored today at the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francisco and Oakland/East Bay's annual EARTH Awards event.

“This year's EARTH Awards applicants have implemented some impressive programs,” says Marc Intermaggio, Executive Vice President of BOMA San Francisco. “The Bay Area is a green magnet for many companies, and BOMA members contribute to our region's reputation as one of the world's most energy-efficient domains. California's commercial structures average being 40 percent more energy-efficient than those in other cities throughout the nation.”

BOMA's EARTH Awards recognize commercial property owners and managers for the most comprehensive resource management practices – including recycling, energy and water conservation, air quality and toxic reduction programs, support for public transit and tenant education programs that promote sustainability.

“The Bay Area's commercial buildings are certainly going greener, and one of BOMA's top priorities is to give our members tools and resources to do just that,” adds Stephen Shepard, executive director of BOMA Oakland/East Bay. “The EARTH Awards set benchmarks for sustainable practices and recognize our members whose programs rank the highest.”

The BOMA Earth Awards are grouped by building size (large, medium and small), with additional recognition for innovative practices. The winners of the 2013 BOMA EARTH awards are:

Large Commercial Property Winners (over 500,000 square feet):

1st Place: One Front St., San Francisco, Jones Lang LaSalle

2nd Place: Hills Plaza, San Francisco, Jones Lang LaSalle

3rd Place: One Maritime Plaza, San Francisco, CBRE, Inc.

Medium Commercial Property Winners (300,000 to 500,000 square feet):

1st Place: Russ Building, San Francisco, Shorenstein Realty Services

2nd Place: 650 California St., San Francisco, Tishman Speyer

3rd Place: 2100 Powell, Oakland, Hines Interests Ltd. Partnership

Small Commercial Property Winners (under 300,000 square feet):

1st Place: 150 California St., San Francisco, CBRE, Inc.

2nd Place: 501 Second St., San Francisco, The Swig Company

3rd Place: 633 Folsom St., San Francisco, The Swig Company

Innovation of the Year:

Landscaping for the Community
101 California St., San Francisco, Hines Interests L.P.

Recognition of Innovation:

Cleaning with Orbio
101 California, San Francisco, Hines Interests L.P.

A Garden for The Tenants
1001 West Cutting Blvd., Richmond, Wareham Development

Tenant Loop Condenser Water Retrofit
One Maritime Plaza, San Francisco, CBRE, Inc.

Temperature Sensors for Steam Traps
The Mills Building, San Francisco, The Swig Company

The EARTH Awards are just one of many innovative green programs offered by BOMA to its members. Other past and current programs include the High-Rise Recycling Program, BOMA Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP) seminars that teach principals of energy management and use of the Energy Star® Portfolio Manager Tools, BOMA 360 Performance Program to measure and improve management of six distinct operational domains, BOMA International's Experience Exchange Report, which has been benchmarking building performance for more than 90 years, and classes towards LEED accreditation.

BOMA is a not-for-profit commercial real estate trade association. BOMA's labor, legislative and public affairs services create better business conditions for commercial real estate owners and managers. Its training programs enhance effective building operations, which add value to the bottom line. BOMA San Francisco and BOMA Oakland/East Bay are members of BOMA California, and are federated with BOMA International, an organization consisting of 100 local associations throughout North America as well as several affiliated BOMA groups worldwide.

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