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BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION Metro Detroit LOCAL BUILDING WINS INTERNATIONAL TOBY AWARD

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich., June 30, 2010 – Now in its 25th year, The Office Building of the Year “TOBY” Award is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, created to recognize quality in office buildings and award excellence in office building management.

In the final round of the TOBY Awards, in an international competition held in Long Beach, California at the Building Owners & Managers Association (BOMA) International’s 2010 International Conference & the Everything Building Show, the Port Huron Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse in Port Huron, Michigan was named first place in the Under 100,000 square foot category. The building was submitted by Property Manager Laura Marble, FMA, of U.S. General Services Administration the property management company. The building is owned by U.S. General Services Administration and was designed by Alfred B. Mullet.

All facets of a building’s operations are thoroughly evaluated during the judging process, including tenant relations programs, community involvement, emergency preparedness and security standards, and continuing education for building personnel. Floor plans, site plans and photographs round out an in depth portfolio, providing the judges with an extensive examination of the building. TOBY winners represent the commercial real estate industry’s “best of the best” in office management setting the high standard that others in the industry look to reach.

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Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metro Detroit is a professional trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. As part of BOMA International, which represents over 9 billion square feet of commercial properties and facilities in North America and serves 17,000+ commercial real estate professionals, BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals with the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate growth, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership visit www.bomadet.org.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Pictures of the winning building available at www.bomadet.org