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## **BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit Honors Industry Leaders at Annual Leadership Awards Gala and Pays Homage to its Centennial**

**Farmington Hills, Mich., October 7, 2008 – The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit (BOMA) held its annual black tie The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Gala on Friday evening, October 3rd, at The Henry Ford in Dearborn, Michigan.**

The Gala honors outstanding leaders in the local commercial real estate industry. **The TOBY Awards, now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry,** recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

Paula Goldman-Spinner, President of BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit, addressed the large gathering and paid tribute to BOMA of Metro Detroit's Centennial. "It is tonight...at the Awards Gala...that we recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts...our people, our innovations and development in our industry that have sustained this great organization for the last century....and to its members who will sustain our success for the next 100 years."

**With over 200 people in attendance, M. Sharon Carruthers, RPA, of Grubb & Ellis Management Services was named Property Manager of the Year; James Vetter of Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Facility Manager of the Year; Christopher Meso of Mobile**

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**Air, Inc., Emerging Leader; Denise C. Currin, RPA, of Liberty Property Trust, Outstanding Service Award; Sterling Cleaning Services, Inc., Supplier of the Year; Jill Cheff of Newton Crane Roofing, Inc., Supplier Member of the Year; Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Building Owner of the Year; James L. Jonas of REDICO, the President's Award; and Senator Michael D. Bishop, 12<sup>th</sup> District, Legislator of the Year Award.**

One Detroit Center in Detroit, Sheffield Office Center in Troy, and Oakland Commons in Southfield all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Buildings of the Year. The Port Huron Federal Building & Courthouse in Port Huron took top honors in the Historical Building category, the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building in Detroit was first in the Government Building class, 190 E. Maple in Troy took the top award in the Industrial Office Park category, and the Grand Park Centre in Detroit was recognized in the Renovated Building grouping.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress® and the Office Building Show in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 28-30, 2009.

For additional information on the 2008-2009 TOBY and Leadership Awards, contact Becky Hartford or visit [www.bomadet.org](http://www.bomadet.org).

*Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metropolitan Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. **BOMA Michigan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan.** BOMA of Metro Detroit provides commercial real estate professionals the opportunity to work together for professional growth, advocacy rights, corporate profit, and the benefit of the nine Southeastern Michigan communities it serves. For more information on BOMA and membership, visit [www.bomadet.org](http://www.bomadet.org).*

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