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San Francisco Federal Build Earns Outstanding Building of the Year Recognition
Commercial real estate industry praises GSA for excellence in building management

SAN FRANCISCO – The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) is proud to announce the San Francisco Federal Building was named the 2011-2012 “The Outstanding Building of the Year” (TOBY), in the government category, at the Building Owner and Managers Association (BOMA) International Conference in Seattle, Washington on June 26. GSA was recognized by the commercial real estate industry for quality in commercial buildings and excellence in building management and operations.

“Achieving excellence in the TOBY Award categories was a team effort that began with a well-designed, sustainable building and continues today with a knowledgeable and dedicated property management staff,” said GSA Regional Administrator Ruth Cox. “This award recognizes GSA’s long-standing commitment to sustainability and our customers. GSA, through its green buildings initiatives, is leading the way in building practices that are helping to boost our clean-energy economy, reduce our energy consumption, reduce our environmental footprint and save taxpayer dollars.”

The San Francisco Federal Building faced steep competition from its peers at both local and regional levels before moving on to compete at the international level. This year’s awards program was extremely competitive, with 92 entries vying for the top international-level award. Judges evaluated facilities on a number of criteria, including energy and sustainability, environmental awareness, tenant relationships and communication, maintenance and custodial programs, and community impact.

The San Francisco Federal Building, with its slender, 18-story, 240-foot tower, is an architectural landmark in San Francisco while its 4-story annex blends seamlessly into the surrounding neighborhood. A dramatic example of sustainable design principles, the building’s shape and orientation maximize natural airflow for cooling and ventilation and take advantage of natural daylight for the majority of the office interiors. These features, combined with a number of other energy-saving elements, significantly reduce overall energy consumption compared to conventional office buildings in the United States.

This LEED Silver building has won numerous design awards and has now been recognized for being managed at the highest industry standard.

BOMA International is an international federation of more than 100 local associations and affiliated organizations. Founded in 1907, its 16,500-plus members own or manage more than nine billion square feet of commercial properties.

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As the federal government's workplace solutions provider, the U.S. General Services Administration works to foster an effective, sustainable and transparent government for the American people. GSA's expertise in government workplace solutions includes:

- Effective management of government assets including more than 9,600 government-owned or leased buildings and 215,000 vehicles in the federal fleet, and preservation of historic federal properties;
 - Leveraging the government's buying power through responsible acquisition of products and services making up approximately 14 percent of the government's total procurement dollars;
 - Providing innovative technology solutions to enhance government efficiency and increase citizen engagement;
- and,
- Promoting responsible use of federal resources through development of government wide policies ranging from federal travel to property and management practices.