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### **GSA's Ted Weiss Federal Office Building in NYC Wins BOMA Regional Awards**

NEW YORK CITY – The Ted Weiss Federal Office Building, located in lower Manhattan, has been named the Building of the Year in the Earth category as well as the Government Building of the Year by the Building Owners and Managers Associations (BOMA) Middle Atlantic Region, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced today.

"It's a wonderful honor to be recognized by BOMA, a prestigious organization that sets high standards for this industry," said GSA Regional Administrator Emily R. Baker. "These awards reflect significant accomplishments that our region is very proud to achieve as we fulfill our mission to meet the needs of the local federal community while providing great value to the American taxpayer."

Completed in 1995, the 30-story Ted Weiss Federal Office Building is a triumph of civic-minded design and the drive to create structures that are strikingly attractive and environmentally responsible, while providing federal tenant agencies with productive work environments. Sustainable materials were used throughout the design and construction and building systems were engineered to meet the strictest standards of the time, although the construction preceded the inauguration of LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) by seven years. In 1999 the Ted Weiss Federal Office Building became the first federal office building in the nation to receive the coveted Energy Star designation, an honor that was renewed in 2006.

"Winning a BOMA building award, especially in the Earth category, is a top-of-the line achievement for GSA," said David Winstead, Commissioner of GSA's Public Buildings Service. "Today green building practices are rapidly moving into the mainstream, and GSA's commitment to sustainable design principles is enabling this market transformation."

The discovery of the colonial-era African Burial Ground during its construction in the early 90's has given Ted Weiss Federal Office Building additional significance. The African Burial Ground National Monument is adjacent to the structure and a National Park Service-run Interpretive Center is located on its ground floor. The building also houses five works of GSA-commissioned art that are referential to the African Burial Ground.

The BOMA Middle Atlantic Region awards will be presented in late April at the Middle Atlantic Regional Conference. This building will now go on to compete in the BOMA International level for the Building of the Year Award.

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