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THE NATIONAL TRADE CENTRE TWO-TIME BOMA AWARD WINNER

Building of the Year Award, and Certificate of Building & Management Excellence

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The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA, Toronto) recently awarded **The National Trade Centre**, Building of the Year in the Public Assembly Category, plus, the BOMA Certificate of Building & Management Excellence Award.

The National Trade Centre's submissions were recognized for its commitment to environmental stewardship in its building operations which included a major lighting retrofit program designed to conserve energy and lower carbon emissions. The BOMA Certificate of Excellence Award signifies facility expertise in the areas of building management, operations, environmental management, design, tenant and community relations, and tenant satisfaction.

On the heels of a stellar year in 2005, this award further acknowledges the efforts of O&Y/SMG Canada, manager of The National Trade Centre, and sets a new standard for property and facility management of public assembly facilities in Toronto.

Encompassing over 1 million square feet of exhibition and convention space, The National Trade Centre plays host to over 180 events per year including trade- and consumer show clients such as: Reed Exhibition's *Canadian Machine Tool Show*; MMPI's *IIDEX/Neocon Canada*; dmg world media's *National Home Show*; and the National Marine Manufacturers Association's *Toronto International Boat Show*. Coming in June 2006, The National Trade Centre will be re-named Direct Energy Centre™, as part of a sponsorship agreement between The City of Toronto and energy leader Direct Energy.

The National Trade Centre is professionally managed by O&Y/SMG Canada, a Canadian company offering management services to convention centres, arenas, stadiums and theatre across the country. O&Y/SMG Canada is a partnership between O&Y Properties Inc. of Toronto, and SMG of Philadelphia, a leader in the United States in the professional management of 195 first-class convention centres, arenas, stadiums and theatres.

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