



THE TOWER COMPANIES
Balance in Development

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The Tower Companies Named Business of the Year

The D.C. Chamber of Commerce has named North Bethesda-based real estate developer The Tower Cos. as its 2007 Business of the Year.

The Tower Cos. is a family-owned real estate development company with office developments that include green building design for more than 1.25 million square feet in its portfolio.

The chamber typically awards companies that have a proven financial track, community involvement and a work environment conducive to employees.

The company also is one of the largest buyers of wind energy in the country, having bought enough to meet the needs of the company's entire portfolio of buildings. The company also is working on becoming carbon neutral by 2008.

"The chamber is proud to recognize the exemplary achievements of The Tower Cos. and the Abramson family for being instrumental in placing the words 'green buildings' into the public vernacular before it was the trend, and for demonstrating their ongoing devotion to the beauty and betterment of our community through their landmark properties, philanthropy and relentless sustainable educational endeavors," said Barbara Lang, president of the chamber.

Among Tower's most recognized properties in the area are Washington Square, White Flint Mall, River Creek and The Tower building. Current projects under development include 1050 K St. NW in D.C., 2000 Tower Oaks Blvd. in North Bethesda and River Creek Village in Leesburg.

The Abramsons, who have owned Tower for more than 60 years, also are patrons of local arts and educational institutions. The company also offers transcendental meditation classes to its employees to promote the benefits of healthy lifestyles. The chamber will present the award at a reception on Oct. 27 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel.

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