

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

CORPORATE FACILITY

All buildings must be a single-use facility at least 50% occupied by the corporate entity—includes government agencies and private enterprises.

LIFE SCIENCE BUILDING(S)

One or more buildings managed by the same management company. The single building and/or campus must be at least 50% leased and occupied by life science tenants with a minimum of 30% lab rentable square footage area. Life science tenants shall be defined as those tenants specializing in chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacology, cell biology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, molecular biology, and agricultural technology.

HISTORICAL BUILDING

All buildings must be at least 50 years old with original design maintained. This category includes all sizes of buildings meeting the age criterion. The building must retain its historic physical integrity, which means the site must be relatively undisturbed. Renovations to the original framework is acceptable.

MEDICAL BUILDING

All buildings must be at least 75% related to medical use. This includes areas for physicians, their staff, and patient care. Additional uses may include ambulatory surgery centers, clinical labs (such as catheterization labs), imaging, physical therapy, rehabilitation clinics, prosthetics centers, and pharmacies. The building can be located on or off a hospital campus or within a research area. Patient stays must be less than 24 hours (but could occur within any 24-hour period).

SUBURBAN OFFICE PARK (LOW-RISE)

Two or more buildings managed by the same management company with the tallest building being no higher than 5 stories; all buildings must occupy land greater than 5 acres and are located outside of the central business district or the downtown core area.

SUBURBAN OFFICE PARK (MID-RISE)

Two or more buildings managed by the same management company with 1 building that is 6 to 10 stories in height, all buildings must occupy land greater than 5 acres and are located outside of the central business district or the downtown core area.

NOTE: If a suburban office park is comprised of both low- and mid-rise buildings, the entry must submit under the Mid-Rise category.

OFFICE BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE CATEGORIES

- Under 100,000 Square Feet
- 100,000 – 249,999 Square Feet
- 250,000 – 499,999 Square Feet
- 500,000 – 1 million Square Feet
- Over 1 million Square Feet

NOTE: All buildings with at least 50% office area are eligible except 1) Life Science which requires 30% lab space and has no minimum office requirement, and 2) Medical which no longer has a minimum office requirement beginning with the 2024 Awards cycle.

* Total Rentable Area of the building as per BOMA Measurement Standards and/or other pre-approved standard.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Below outlines the requirements for TOBY participation:

1. All buildings competing at the regional level must be BOMA 360-designated.
2. The building must win at the local level to advance to the regional level and must win at the regional level to advance to International.

NOTE: At-Large entries, entries that are outside the jurisdiction of a local association, must submit their portfolio directly to their region using BOMA International's new 360/TOBY Recognition Portal at <https://recognition.boma.org> for regional judging and must notify their regional awards chair of their intention to compete.

3. All portfolios must have undergone a building inspection and scored at least 70% to be eligible to compete. Each entrant must upload the completed and signed TOBY Building Inspection Verification form to be eligible to compete at the Regional and International level (this form is provided by your local BOMA association or International Affiliate organization).
4. The building must be a member, or managed by an entity that is a member, in good standing with both their BOMA local association and BOMA International in order to compete at the local, regional and international levels. Specifically, all membership fees, and any other debt, must be paid prior to entry.
5. The building may not have won in the same category at the international level during the last 5 years (i.e. Buildings that win in 2023 are not eligible to compete until 2028 and awarded in 2029). The building may not have won in a different category at the international level during the last 3 years (i.e. Buildings that win in 2022 are not eligible to compete until 2025 and awarded in 2026).
6. The building must be occupied for at least one full year from the date of occupancy of the first tenant by **June 15, 2023** with a minimum of 12 months of building operations.
7. At least 50% of a building's space must be used as office space to be considered in any of the (10) ten office building categories except for 1) Life Science which at least 50% of the tenant base must be life science, and at least 30% of the building rentable square footage must be dedicated to lab space and 2) Medical which must be at least 75% related to medical use.
8. Each building may enter in only one category.