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Press Release

BOMA Canada is Proud to Introduce BOMA BEST® Sustainable Workplaces

Organizations already have a green mandate, now they can have a green workplace.

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Canada is proud to introduce **BOMA BEST® Sustainable Workplaces**, the perfect tool to lead any organization to an environmentally sustainable workplace.

“A critical part of the built environment is the workplace and while many of our partners have begun the greening process what they lacked was a comprehensive plan - a blueprint to build healthy, vibrant workplaces,” says Benjamin Shinewald, President and CEO, BOMA Canada

BOMA Canada, the voice of the Canadian commercial real estate industry, has over 3,200 members who oversee in excess of 2.1 billion square feet of commercial real estate across the country. BOMA BEST® is a unique, voluntary, national program designed to assess environmental performance and management of existing buildings across Canada.

BOMA BEST® Sustainable Workplaces will not only validate what organizations have already done, it will give them a road map to improve key performance indicators.

The standardized framework requires organizations to benchmark, monitor, and set goals in seven areas over which tenants typically have some measure of control: energy, water, waste, e-waste, construction and renovation, procurement practices, business and employee travel and indoor air quality.

In order to assure the program's success, five organizations including Bentall Kennedy and East Port Properties, as well as some of East Port Properties' tenants, completed a pilot program and were asked to provide their feedback. This included their thoughts about the process, results and any recommendations for improvement.

What we quickly discovered is that many of the tenants of the pilot program, who had a green mandate, were already doing much of the work required to earn certification. What was missing was a blueprint which gave them the ability to record what had already been done and set a plan for continuous improvement.

The Sustainable Workplaces program is available to all types of workplaces.

The introductory yearly cost to certify a workplace is \$375 per office plus \$1 per full time equivalent employee. Charities and non-profits receive a 50% discount.

To learn more about BOMA BEST® Sustainable Workplaces please go to www.bomabest.org or email: info@bomacanda.ca