

Melvin Mark Cos. takes top honors in Portland energy efficiency contest

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The Building Owners and Managers Association has announced the winners of an annual energy efficiency contest among Portland-area commercial real estate buildings.

Melvin Mark Companies won the Grand Prize and "The Power Broker" trophy, intended to honor a property, team or company "achieving outstanding accomplishment in all-around energy performance."

"Melvin Mark Companies raised the bar across their entire portfolio of properties, with virtually every building making substantial gains," said Jack Davis, Office Real Estate Market Manager for BetterBricks, a green building group that helped with the awards.

The company raised or maintained Energy Star ratings for every property in its portfolio, reducing annual electricity use by more than 1.5 million kilowatt hours.

Seven buildings received awards in the highest performance and greatest improvement categories. Russell Development Co.'s 200 Market Building took first place for the highest performance. Ashforth Pacific's ODS Tower was first place for greatest improvement.

Awards in the Office Energy Showdown contest were announced on Wednesday. The contest, restricted to BOMA members only, required 24 months of energy consumption data. Properties that qualified for the Energy Star program received free certification from Energy Trust of Oregon.

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The Columbia Square office building is one of the buildings developed by Melvin Mark Companies, which has won an award for energy efficiency.