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The mission of the BOMA Foundation is to serve the commercial real estate industry by fostering a future vision, forward thinking research, innovative thought, and global best practices.

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Foundation is an independent, tax-exempt organization (501(c) 3) dedicated to sponsoring and encouraging educational activities, innovative research, and future workforce development to advance the commercial real estate industry and profession into the future. In addition, the Foundation looks to initiate programs that will guide commercial real estate into the next decade, while seeking to enhance the public appreciation of real estate and its significance in society. The Foundation is affiliated with the Building Owners and Managers Association International, the nation's oldest and largest commercial real estate organization.

The Foundation's future-oriented focus concentrates on such areas as energy efficiency, future workforce development, and bringing the best and brightest minds together to explore the world of commercial real estate as an industry in the coming years. It is the goal of the Foundation to grow the initial efforts to encourage innovative thought and ideas into a Center for Innovative Real Estate Practices in future years.

Foundation programs are supported through tax-deductible gifts, grants and bequests from BOMA members and other building owners and managers, real estate related companies, foundations and trusts, and interested individuals.

THE WORK OF THE BOMA FOUNDATION

The BOMA Foundation has been an innovative force through much of its history, benefitting the industry and blazing a path to a better future in many ways. Activities of service to the industry include:

- **Industry Thought Leaders Project**—the Foundation has launched its project to bring the brightest minds together in a learning and free-thinking environment to discuss what the world of commercial real estate will look like in the next ten to twenty years. Issues to be covered include: technology, renewable energy sources, financing, work force trends, along with an overall analysis of the building of the future. To view the First Symposium: 2020: A Vision for Commercial Real Estate visit the [BOMA Knowledge Portal](#).

- **The BOMA Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP)**— a series of educational programs developed by the Foundation, offering industry practitioners strategies for reducing energy usage and costs in commercial office building. BEEP teaches property owners, managers, and operators important strategies for optimizing their equipment, people, and practices.
- This innovative, award-winning program has educated nearly 15,000 industry practitioners to date. In partnership with the US Environmental Protection Agency **ENERGY STAR®** program, BEEP has and will continue to develop industry standards for operational excellence, document success through recognition programs, and communicate those successes to our industry and stakeholders.
- **Scholarships**—Foundation funds have provided assistance to talented real estate professionals seeking to attend the industry’s Emerging Leaders Program at Harvard. The students in this program are the industry’s leaders of tomorrow.
- **Emergency Assistance Needs**—The Foundation works to forward disaster relief to local charity organizations in the case of catastrophic events such as 9/11 or Hurricane Katrina

