

CoRY History

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of San Francisco annually hosts the Commercial Recycler of the Year (CoRY) Awards, which recognize office building owners and managers, hoteliers and restaurateurs who have achieved significant results in reducing solid waste and whose leadership, policies and programs demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability best practices.

BOMA San Francisco built their recycling recognition program on the foundation of a very successful, voluntary high-rise recycling initiative undertaken nearly two decades ago by BOMA, in partnership with Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling Company. State law now requires California counties to reduce the volume of trash sent to landfills, and BOMA's programs have enabled San Francisco to have one of the highest waste diversion rates in the state.

As recycling efforts by BOMA members grew in size and scope, BOMA and Golden Gate Disposal & Recycling Company partnered with the City's Department of the Environment to further promote recycling practices through seminars, brown bag luncheons, and by reaching out to the hotel and restaurant community. "Golden Dumpster" awards are now presented each year to representatives from local companies in each of the following categories:

- ❑ Large, medium and small commercial office buildings;
- ❑ Large, medium and small hotels; and
- ❑ San Francisco food establishments, which include restaurants and pubs, cafés, bakeries, caterers and various food vendors.

To be considered for a Golden Dumpster, each contestant must have initiated and implemented a recycling program at their place of business for at least one year. Contestants are judged on their ability to attain maximum recycling goals and how well they supported recycling efforts through education targeting employees, customers, tenants and/or guests. As further incentive to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle, the City of San Francisco now provides cash awards to the first place winners in each category.

Additional information on commercial recycling and the winners of the 2006 CoRY Awards can be obtained at: www.bomasf.org.

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