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Corporate Office Properties Trust, in Columbia, announced that it has achieved the Best In The Industry ranking for 2008 by CEL & Associates Inc. for commitment to the highest level of quality and service to its tenants. The Company won the 2008 National Commercial Real Estate Customer Service Award for Excellence for Category I portfolios, also referred to as the A List Award. Category I is for companies owning more than 100 properties, the largest of the categories.

Maryland biotech CEOs and companies were honored by the Greater Baltimore Committee as winners of the region's fourth bioscience award competition. The awards were presented during breakfast ceremonies at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore.

One winner of the 2009 Bioscience Awards was Columbia-based Osiris Therapeutics Inc. for Best New Product or Progress. The company has spent more than \$300 million developing stem cell therapies to complete clinical trials necessary to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of two next-generation stem cell treatments for serious conditions such as graft versus host disease, Crohn's disease, arthritis, diabetes, pulmonary disease and heart attacks.

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