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## **ETKIN EQUITIES' ENID CASTORA EARNS FMA AND RPA CERTIFICATIONS**

**Southfield, Michigan, October 18, 2006** – Enid Castora of Etkin Equities, L.L.C. recently received two important professional designations from BOMI International. Ms. Castora is now certified as a Real Property Administrator (RPA) and Facilities Management Administrator (FMA) after completing a program of in-depth courses relating to property management with the institute.

The RPA designation indicates that Ms. Castora has developed an expertise with all aspects of the ownership, management and operation of major office and commercial buildings. Ms. Castora completed seven required courses covering building systems, life cycle costing, energy management and the environment, insurance and legal issues, finance and asset management. The FMA designation indicates that the recipient has completed courses dealing with the integration of people, process and place to ensure an environment within commercial buildings that supports productivity. The seven-part curriculum consists of the following courses: The Design, Operation and Maintenance of Building Systems, Part I and II; Fundamentals of Facilities Management; Technologies for Facilities Management; Facilities Planning and Project Management; Real Estate Investment and Finance; and Environmental Health and Safety Issues.

Ms. Castora has served 11 years as a Property Manager with Etkin Equities, a Michigan-based, full-service commercial real estate organization with national expertise and a portfolio of Class A properties totaling more than 8.5 million square feet. She also holds a State of Michigan Real Estate License and has 18 years of property management experience. Ms. Castora manages properties primarily in Southfield, with one in Farmington Hills, and was awarded "Property Manager of the Year" in 2002 by the City of Southfield and the Southfield Business Development Team. Two buildings in her portfolio – City Center Office Park and Franklin Center Office Building – have received awards from BOMA International for "Office Building of the Year" for the North Central Region in 1997 and 2004 – 2005, respectively, in addition to being awarded "Standard of Excellence" awards, along with the other buildings in her portfolio, from the City of Southfield.

BOMI International is a non-profit organization formed in 1970 to provide comprehensive continuing education in the complex issues involved in the operation and maintenance of building systems. More than 18,000 property professionals have earned one or more BOMI International designations.