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## **THE BRICK COMPANIES ACQUIRES '600 WASHINGTON AVENUE' IN TOWSON**

**EDGEWATER, Md. (July 22, 2009)** – The Brick Companies today announced its acquisition of 600 Washington Avenue, a four-story office building in the heart of downtown Towson, Md. featuring 62,550 square-feet of Class A office space.

The block-long building, with its red brick exterior and familiar cupola on the roof, is located on Washington Avenue at the corners of Allegheny Avenue to the south and West Joppa Road to the north. It is within blocks of the Baltimore County Courthouse, County offices, the Towson Post Office as well as area retail establishments, including Towson Town Center. Tenants include BB&T, JK Printing Company, Eyemaginations and Benefit Design Group.

Currently available for lease are 12,613 square feet of office space on several floors of the four-story building. For leasing information, contact Bill Whitty of MacKenzie Commercial Real Estate Services, at 410-494-4862 or via email at [BWhitty@MacKenzieCommerical.com](mailto:BWhitty@MacKenzieCommerical.com).

The Brick Companies acquired the property from Allegheny Center Limited Partnership. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Lex Birney, president of The Brick Companies, called the acquisition "a unique and important opportunity for TBC to expand its existing portfolio of commercial properties in Maryland and now to be a part of the great community of Towson." The company's Maryland portfolio includes the Union Box Company Building in the Fells Point section of Baltimore, the Lusby Center in Calvert County, the Montrose West building in Rockville, Md., and The Brick Companies headquarters building in Edgewater, Md.

"With its tradition of a diverse mix of tenants, 600 Washington Avenue is a great fit with our corporate culture where we strive to create places for working, for living and for fun," Birney said. "We look for properties that really serve the surrounding community in multiple ways, and 600 Washington Avenue does just that, not only through its location in the center of Towson and all it has to offer, but through its mix of clients."

### **About The Brick Companies**

The Brick Companies (TBC), a privately held company based in Edgewater, Maryland, owns, develops and manages commercial, residential and recreational properties "For Working, For Living, For Fun." Properties in the TBC portfolio are located in and around the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area. Some of its assets include 72 holes of golf under its Atlantic Golf brand, the Atlantic Marina Resort on the Patapsco and Atlantic Marina on the Magothy in Pasadena, Maryland, and more than 500,000 square feet of commercial buildings in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. Moreover, the company is committed to environmental and social responsibility, as demonstrated by its "green building" philosophy and its support for charities and social causes through The TBC Foundation. For more information visit [www.thebrickcompanies.com](http://www.thebrickcompanies.com)

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