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### **SUBARU BRAND TAKES HOME TOP HONORS IN KELLEY BLUE BOOK'S KBB.COM BRAND IMAGE AWARDS FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW**

Automaker Recognized as Best Overall Brand, Most Trusted Brand and Best Performance Brand

Kelley Blue Book, the leading vehicle valuation and information source, today announced that Subaru of America, Inc. has once again won in three major categories of the 2017 Brand Image Awards, including Best Overall Brand, Most Trusted Brand and Best Performance Brand. This marks the second consecutive year Subaru has been awarded all three top honors; the second straight year Subaru has won Best Overall Brand and the third consecutive win for Most Trusted Brand and Best Performance Brand.

"It is an honor to receive this recognition for the second year in a row," said Thomas J. Doll, president and chief operating officer, Subaru of America, Inc. "Safety, reliability and longevity are all hallmarks of the Subaru brand, so to be acknowledged by Kelley Blue Book with repeat awards in three brand categories proves to us that we are doing something right."

The Kelley Blue Book Brand Image Awards recognize automakers' impressive achievements in creating and maintaining brand attributes that capture the attention of the new-vehicle buying public and winners are chosen based on new car buyer perception data.

The 2017 Kelley Blue Book Brand Image Awards are based on consumer automotive perception data from Kelley Blue Book Strategic Insights' Brand Watch™ study. Brand Watch is an online brand and model perception tracking study tapping into 12,000+ in-market new-vehicle shoppers annually on Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com. The highly comprehensive study offers insight into how shoppers perceive important factors driving their purchase decisions, and captures brand/model familiarity and loyalty among new-car shoppers.

For more information about the 2017 Kelley Blue Book Brand Image Awards, please visit <http://www.kbb.com/new-cars/brand-image-awards/>.

#### **About Subaru of America, Inc.**

Subaru of America, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Subaru Corporation of Japan. Headquartered at a zero-landfill office in Cherry Hill, N.J., the company markets and distributes Subaru vehicles, parts and accessories through a network of more than 620 retailers across the United States. All Subaru products are manufactured in zero-landfill

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