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Akridge Receives 2014 D.C. Mayor's Sustainability Award Akridge Recognized as Outstanding Business for Environmental Stewardship Practices

(Washington, D.C.) – Akridge announced today that it was one of seven firms that received the 2014 Washington, D.C. Mayor's Sustainability Award given to companies exhibiting a commitment to environmental excellence in the District of Columbia. Akridge demonstrates its dedication to conserving energy and minimizing the carbon footprint of its properties by integrating sustainability into many facets of the company's work, including real estate development, leasing, and property management services. Akridge shares its commitment to sustainability with partners, investors, and employees.

Since 2009, the Mayor's Sustainability Awards, previously called the Mayor's Environmental Excellence Award, have acknowledged outstanding individuals, businesses, schools, institutions, and organizations for their leadership. The winners' projects and programs support the Mayor's Sustainability Plan across the full range of priorities including: the built environment, climate, energy, food, nature, transportation, waste, water, and the green economy. Other related topics addressed by their efforts include: energy and water conservation, pollution prevention or reduction, resource conservation, low impact development for stormwater management, green building construction and operation, innovative technology, "green" products or services, recycling/composting, environmental leadership, environmental education, and employee commitment.

Matt Klein, President of Akridge, stated, "We are really proud to receive this recognition as it reflects the commitment to sustainability of the entire Akridge team."

Akridge is involved with many sustainability organizations, including: ENERGY STAR, LEED, SBNOW, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Smart Growth Alliance. The firm has worked closely with ENERGY STAR for many years, and is recognized as a "Top Performer" and a 2009 "Partner of the Year." The organization currently has 11 properties labeled with the ENERGY STAR designation. Through the USGBC's LEED program, Akridge sponsors employees to become LEED accredited professionals and

encourages them to take advantage of the firm's many educational programs. Akridge developed 700 Sixth Street NW, one of the first LEED platinum office buildings in Washington, D.C.

ABOUT AKRIDGE

Akridge is a commercial real estate operating company and a prominent and highly successful investor and developer in the greater metropolitan Washington, D.C. market. Since its founding in 1974, the company has acquired, developed and/or entitled 14 million square feet of commercial real estate and land. We believe in transforming the landscape of our nation's capital through places that make working more productive, playing more delightful and living in our city more harmonious. Akridge is committed to sustainable development and practices, and has been recognized as an Energy Star Top Performer and Partner of the Year. Akridge's most notable projects include the 1 million square foot Gallery Place, the internationally recognized Homer Building, and the 3 million square foot Burnham Place air rights development project at Union Station. For more information, please visit www.akridge.com.

ABOUT DDOE

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) is the leading authority on energy and environmental issues affecting the District of Columbia. Using a combination of regulations, outreach, education, and incentives, our agency administers programs and services to fulfill our mission. We work collaboratively with other government agencies, residents, businesses, and institutions to promote environmentally responsible behavior that will lead to a more sustainable urban environment. For more information, please visit www.ddoe.dc.gov.

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