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## Akridge Receives Second EcoLeadership Award

### Alliance for Workplace Excellence Honors Akridge in Both of First Two Years

(Washington, D.C.) At their Annual Awards Luncheon on June 1, The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) will recognize Akridge with their second annual EcoLeadership Award for demonstrated commitment to environmental sustainability. The Alliance established these awards in 2009, and Akridge received last year's award as well.

EcoLeadership winners are selected for their efforts in energy efficiency, waste minimization, pollution prevention, water conservation and environmentally conscious building operations, among other criteria. Sustainable practices and initiatives undertaken by Akridge have included efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of the company's properties through innovative lighting, bathroom fixtures and recycling programs, as well as educational programs for building clients and support of an internal Green Team.

According to AWE, "[Akridge's] leadership in sustainability is an inspiration to other employers."

Applicants for the EcoLeadership award undergo a rigorous assessment process led by an independent panel of professors, PhD professionals, doctoral candidates in business, industrial and organizational psychology and human resources. Akridge and other greater Washington, D.C.-area businesses will be honored with awards in three categories at AWE's lunchtime ceremony on June 1 at the Bethesda North Marriott. More than 600 area business executives are expected to attend.

### About Akridge

Akridge is a comprehensive real estate services company that provides acquisition, development, construction management, asset management, property management, leasing and consulting services. For ten of the last 11 years, Akridge has been ranked the number one real estate firm in the country, among firms of similar size, for Client satisfaction by the industry's foremost benchmarking firm, CEL & Associates. The Akridge organization has been honored with the National Capital Business Ethics

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Award, awarded by the Society of Financial Service Professionals, and has also been recognized as the 'Best Place to Work' in Greater Washington according to the *Washington Business Journal*. For more information, please visit [www.akridge.com](http://www.akridge.com).

### About Alliance for Workplace Excellence

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence provides a portfolio of services that allows employers to build excellent places to work. Recognizing existing Excellent Places to Work, Health & Wellness Trailblazers and EcoLeaders throughout the mid-Atlantic region is one component of the Alliance's mission. It created the Workplace Excellence and Health & Wellness Trailblazer Awards to highlight businesses that promote professional fulfillment and personal wellness at work, at home and in the community. Recognizing the connection of green issues to workplace excellence, the organization established its EcoLeadership Award in 2009. This Award recognizes visionary employers who are paving the way by creating environmentally sustainable workplaces. The Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by Montgomery County, Maryland, and Discovery Communications, Inc. For more information, visit: [www.excellentworkplace.org](http://www.excellentworkplace.org).

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