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Washington Business Journal Names Akridge Best Place to Work

Akridge Rates First Among DC-Based Large Businesses

(Washington, DC) Commercial real estate services firm Akridge earned top honors today in the *Washington Business Journal's* annual ranking of the Best Places to Work in the DC area. At a breakfast awards ceremony, the company was named number one in its category, which includes locally-based businesses with more than 150 employees.

“Akridge’s employees are our greatest asset, ” said company president Matthew J. Klein. “They are the distinctive feature that makes this a great place to work, so today’s recognition is both from them and for them. ”

In selecting Washington’s Best Places to Work, the *Business Journal* screened more than 300 entrants, comparing company benefits, policies, and structure, as well as retaining Quantum Market Research to survey the employees at each firm. Companies were evaluated on such criteria as team effectiveness, retention, employee alignment with company goals, manager effectiveness, trust in senior leaders, work engagement, and people practices.

Each of the 50 finalists in attendance at today’s ceremony was asked to offer one word that makes their company a great place to work. The Akridge team chose “achievers” to describe its workforce. “We’re also humble,” quipped Mr. Klein.

About Akridge

Akridge is a comprehensive real estate services company that provides acquisition, development, construction management, asset management, property management, leasing and consulting services. Eleven times since 1998, Akridge has been named Best in the Industry for Client satisfaction among firms of similar size nationwide, by the industry’s foremost benchmarking firm, CEL & Associates. The Akridge organization has been honored with the National Capital Business Ethics Award, awarded by the Society of Financial Service Professionals, and has also been recognized twice as the Best Place to Work in Greater Washington by the *Washington Business Journal*. For more information, please visit www.akridge.com.

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