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Akridge to Receive 2012 EcoLeadership, Workplace Excellence, and Health & Wellness Trailblazer Awards

Alliance for Workplace Excellence Honors Akridge in All Three of its Awards Categories

(Washington, DC) Each year since the inception of the honor in 2009, the Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) has recognized commercial real estate services firm Akridge with their EcoLeadership Award for demonstrated commitment to environmental sustainability. This year, Akridge has also earned AWE's Workplace Excellence and its Health & Wellness Trailblazer Awards, bestowed upon organizations that promote professional fulfillment and personal wellness at work, at home, and in the community. Winners will be honored on June 11 at a luncheon with the theme "What Makes an Exceptional Workplace?"

All AWE award applicants are assessed by an independent and distinguished panel of professors, PhD professionals, and doctoral candidates in business, industrial and organizational psychology, and human resources. Excellent Workplace and Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award winners demonstrate merit in such areas as management practices, corporate social responsibility, and wellness initiatives, while EcoLeaders are selected for their efforts in energy efficiency, waste minimization, and environmentally conscious building operations, among other criteria. Akridge has a long-standing commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, supports a robust employee wellness program, and has been widely recognized as one of DC's best places to work.

"As a company, we are committed to the well-being of our employees, our community, and our environment," said Akridge president Matthew J. Klein. "It is gratifying to be recognized by AWE for our efforts on all of these fronts this year – and to claim the EcoLeadership Award for the fourth time."

Akridge and other area businesses will be honored with awards in three categories at AWE's ceremony at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. More than 600 area business executives are expected to attend.

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About Akridge

Akridge is a comprehensive commercial real estate services company that provides acquisition, development, construction management, asset management, property management, leasing, and consulting services. Since 1999, Akridge has won 11 national “best in the industry” awards for Client satisfaction from the industry’s foremost benchmarking firm, CEL & Associates. Akridge is committed to sustainable development and practices, and has been recognized as an Energy Star Top Performer and Partner of the Year. The company has also been honored with the National Capital Business Ethics Award, awarded by the Society of Financial Service Professionals, and named a number one best place to work in the greater Washington area by the Washington Business Journal. For more information, please visit www.akridge.com.

About Alliance for Workplace Excellence

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence provides a portfolio of services that allow employers to build excellent places to work. 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. Launched in 2009, the EcoLeadership Award honors companies that recognize the importance of environmental sustainability.

The Alliance is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by Montgomery County, Maryland, and Discovery Communications. For more information, please visit www.excellentworkplace.org.

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