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## Akridge Named Top in the Nation for Customer Satisfaction

### CEL & Associates Awards Top Honor to Akridge... for the Ninth Time

(Washington, D.C.) National benchmarking firm, CEL & Associates once again named Akridge the national winner of the “A List – Best in the Industry” Award for 2008. According to CEL & Associates, the “A List” for Real Estate Excellence, part of the National Real Estate Customer Service Awards Program, honors the best property management companies in the industry for their ability to perform at a higher standard through providing quality customer service across their portfolio. Creator of the commercial real estate industry’s first national customer opinion survey, CEL & Associates honors companies that have achieved the highest levels of service excellence based exclusively on its national survey of tenant satisfaction. Akridge has taken the top honor 9 times over the past decade.

### CEL & Associates, Inc.

CEL & Associates, Inc. is the nation’s largest surveyor of tenant satisfaction within the real estate industry. The firm specializes in providing strategic planning services; benchmarking and client/customer satisfaction surveys; compensation program assessment and data; leadership training; and operational assessments to the real estate industry. Each year, CEL & Associates tabulates survey results from thousands of buildings and hundreds of thousands of tenants. For more information, please visit: [www.celassociates.com](http://www.celassociates.com).

### 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 nine of the last ten 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. Since 1974, the company’s projects have encompassed over 12 million square feet of space in the greater Washington region. Akridge is honored by awards for sustainability by the following organizations: the Greater Washington Board of Trade, the Washington Business Journal,

Bisnow on Business, the District of Columbia's Department of the Environment, the Smart Business Network of Washington and the Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program. Akridge is the winner of the National Capital Business Ethics Award, given by the Society of Financial Service Professionals for ethical business conduct and is currently 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).

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