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Akridge Wins First EcoLeadership Award

Alliance for Workplace Excellence Honors Akridge with New Prestigious Award

(Washington, D.C.) The Alliance for Workplace Excellence recognizes Akridge among nineteen mid-Atlantic region employers as an EcoLeader for a demonstrated commitment to environmental sustainability. The Alliance established these awards for 2009 because, according to the press release, “being green creates great workplaces.”

EcoLeadership winners are recognized for sustainability efforts in energy efficiency, waste minimization, pollution prevention, water conservation and environmentally conscious travel. Applicants participate in a rigorous assessment process led by an independent panel of PhD professionals, doctoral candidates in business, industrial and organizational psychology and human resources, communication experts, construction professionals, naturalists, and business executives.

Award winners will be recognized at a lunchtime ceremony on June 3, 2009 at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The event includes keynote speaker, Chris Smith, Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Green Building Council, and an expected attendance of more than 600 leading business executives.

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. Recognizing the connection of green issues to workplace excellence, AWE established its EcoLeadership Award for 2009. The AWE EcoLeadership 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. For more information, visit: www.excellentworkplace.org.

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.

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