

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 20, 2023

**Contact:**

Meaghan Treanor  
202.624.8616  
mtreanor@akridge.com

## Akridge Announces Recertification of 13 Properties with WELL Health-Safety Ratings

### **RECERTIFICATION DEMONSTRATES AKRIDGE'S DEDICATION TO OPERATING EXCELLENCE AND CLIENT HEALTH-SAFETY**

(Washington, DC)— Akridge announced today that 13 of its properties have been recertified with the WELL Health-Safety Rating through the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI). Those properties are 2100 L Street, 601 Thirteenth Street, 900 Seventh Street, 1101 Sixteenth Street, 1025 Vermont Avenue, 1121 Fourteenth Street, 1200 Seventeenth Street, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, 975 F Street, 1100 Seventeenth Street, 1199 North Fairfax Street, and 7550 Wisconsin Avenue. The WELL Health-Safety Rating is an evidence-based, third-party verified rating for all new and existing building and space types focusing on operational policies, maintenance protocols, stakeholder engagement, and emergency plans to address a post-COVID-19 environment now and into the future.

The WELL Health-Safety Rating empowers owners and operators of businesses to proactively prioritize the health and safety of their staff, visitors, and stakeholders. This rating serves as a valuable guide for users, assisting them in preparing their spaces for a post-pandemic environment. The implementation of these rigorous measures instills confidence in those visiting the building as well as the wider community, assuring them that their health is being prioritized.

"I am incredibly proud of Sonia Zamora and our dedicated property management team for their unwavering commitment to health-first building practices," said Matt Klein, president of Akridge. "The recertification of our 13 properties with the WELL Health-Safety Rating is a testament to our dedication to operational excellence and relentless efforts to ensure the highest standards of health and safety."

The recertification process involved evaluating various measures, including enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures, emergency preparedness programs, health service resources, air and water quality management, as well as stakeholder engagement and communication.

The WELL Health-Safety Rating provides a centralized source and governing body to validate efforts made by owners and operators. It leverages guidance from the IWBI Task Force on COVID-19 and incorporates recommendations from reputable organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), global disease control and prevention centers, and emergency management agencies. Additionally, the rating draws from recognized standard-making associations like ASTM International and ASHRAE, as well as leading academic and research institutions. The core principles of the rating

are derived from IWBI's WELL Building Standard, which is the premier framework for advancing health in buildings and spaces of all types.

2100 L Street, 601 Thirteenth Street, 900 Seventh Street, 1101 Sixteenth Street, 1025 Vermont Avenue, 1121 Fourteenth Street, 1200 Seventeenth Street, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, 975 F Street, 1100 Seventeenth Street, 1199 North Fairfax Street, and 7550 Wisconsin Avenue were awarded recertification following a successful completion of third-party documentation review by GBCI, confirming their adherence to the specific intents and requirements of the rating.

#### About Akridge

Akridge is a comprehensive real estate services company and a prominent investor and developer in the Washington metropolitan region and North Carolina. It provides acquisitions, design and construction management, development, finance and asset management, leasing, and property management services. For almost 50 years, the company has acquired, developed, or entitled more than 31.2 million square feet of office, industrial flex, multifamily, retail, and entertainment space. Akridge has another 9.7 million square feet in its active pipeline, currently manages approximately 4.28 million square feet, and has a portfolio with an estimated value of over \$2.8 billion. Notable projects include the internationally recognized Homer Building, the 240,000-square-foot 555 Mangum Street, and the 3-million-square-foot Burnham Place air rights development project at Union Station. For more information please visit [www.akridge.com](http://www.akridge.com).