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Akridge Announces Recertification of 14 Properties with WELL Health-Safety Ratings

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

(Washington, DC) - Akridge announced today that 14 of its managed properties have been recertified with the WELL Health-Safety Rating through the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI). Those properties are 601 Thirteenth Street, 900 Seventh Street, 975 F Street, 1025 Vermont Avenue, 1100 Seventeenth Street, 1101 Sixteenth Street, 1121 Fourteenth Street, 1199 North Fairfax Street, 1200 Seventeenth Street, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, 2100 L Street, 2425 Wilson Boulevard, 3030 Potomac Avenue, and 7550 Wisconsin Avenue. The WELL Health-Safety Rating is an evidence-based, third-party verified rating for all new and existing buildings and space types, emphasizing operational policies, maintenance protocols, stakeholder engagement, and emergency plans to enhance health and safety.

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, helping them enhance their spaces to support health, safety, and overall well-being. These rigorous measures reassure building occupants and the broader community that their health and safety remain a top priority.

"Investing in healthier buildings isn't just a goal—it's a responsibility. We're proud to have achieved the WELL Health-Safety Rating at 14 properties and continue striving to enhance the well-being of those we serve," said Sarah Knutson, managing principal and chief operating officer of Akridge.

The recertification process involved evaluating various measures, including enhanced cleaning and sanitation 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 validation system for health-focused building efforts, overseen by the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI). It addresses a range of health and safety topics through a diverse set of evidence-based strategies that can be customized to an organization's specific concerns and short- and long-term goals. The WELL Health-Safety Rating incorporates strategies to minimize disease transmission, prevent mold, and ensure superior air and water quality. It also focuses on emergency planning and operations, as well as occupant communication and engagement to ensure awareness and participation in creating a healthy, safe environment. 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.

The 14 Akridge-managed buildings were awarded recertification following a successful completion of third-party documentation by Sustainable Building Partners and verified by GBCI, confirming their adherence to the specific intents and requirements of the rating. This achievement was made possible

through the diligent leadership of Sonia Zamora and the property management team, who skillfully led the recertification process to success.

About Akridge

Akridge serves every aspect of the real estate business through high-quality investment, development, operations. Guided by a leadership team with decades of industry experience, Akridge real estate professionals apply an owner's perspective in order to build long-term value and success. They provide design and construction management, development, finance and asset management, investment, leasing, and property management services. With offices in Washington, D.C. and Charlotte, NC, Akridge continues to anticipate the needs of the industry and its clients by delivering exceptional real estate experiences. For more information on Akridge, please visit www.akridge.com.