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## Akridge announces achievement of WELL Health-Safety Ratings for 13 Properties

### **RATINGS REFLECT AKRIDGE'S COMMITMENT TO OPERATING BEST-IN-CLASS PROPERTIES AND PROVIDING UNPARALLELED CLIENT SERVICE**

(Washington, DC)— Akridge announced today it has earned the WELL Health-Safety Rating for 13 properties 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 was designed to empower owners and operators across large and small businesses alike to take the necessary steps in order to prioritize the health and safety of their staff, visitors, and stakeholders. The WELL Health-Safety Rating can help guide users in preparing their spaces for re-entry in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, instilling confidence in those who come through the building as well as the broader community.

"I am incredibly proud of the work Sonia Zamora, Caroline Gieseler, and our property management did to earn the Health-Safety Rating for 13 properties," said Matt Klein, president of Akridge. "When the COVID-19 pandemic began, the property management team worked round the clock to ensure our buildings met the highest operating standards. This achievement is a testament to their continued dedication to prioritizing Client health."

In order to achieve WELL Health-Safety Rating, these projects implemented features such as enhanced cleaning and sanitization procedures, emergency preparedness programs, health service resources, air and water quality management, and 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 insight from the IWBI Task Force on COVID-19. It also applies guidance on the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), global disease control and prevention centers, and emergency management agencies. It further leverages guidance from recognized standard-making associations, such as ASTM International and ASHRAE, and leading academic and research institutions. Its core principles were established by IWBI's WELL Building Standard, the premier framework for advancing health in buildings and spaces of all kinds.

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 the WELL Health-Safety Rating following the successful completion of third-party documentation review by GBCI to confirm they have met the feature specific intents and requirements.

### 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 over 45 years, the company has acquired, developed, or entitled more than 29 million square feet of office, industrial flex, multifamily, retail, and entertainment space. Akridge has another 7.6 million square feet in its active pipeline, currently manages approximately 4.0 million square feet, and has a portfolio with an estimated value of over \$2.8 billion. Notable projects include the 1-million-square-foot Gallery Place, 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).