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## **Washington Real Estate Investment Trust Acquires 1227 25th Street, NW**

ROCKVILLE, Md.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRIT) (NYSE: WRE) has acquired 1227 25<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, an eight story, 130,434 square foot office building with a two level parking garage in Washington, DC, for \$47.0 million.

As previously announced, 1227 25<sup>th</sup> Street is 72% leased to the GSA and law firm tenants. It is located near the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and M Streets in Washington's West End submarket, immediately adjacent to WRIT's 2445 M Street office building acquired in 2008. WRIT funded this acquisition using available cash and its line of credit. WRIT projects a stabilized cash yield of 8.7%.

WRIT is a self-administered, self-managed, equity real estate investment trust investing in income-producing properties in the greater Washington metro region. WRIT owns a diversified portfolio of 87 properties totaling approximately 11 million square feet of commercial space and 2,540 residential units. These 87 properties consist of 27 office properties, 16 industrial/flex properties, 18 medical office properties, 15 retail centers, 11 multifamily properties and land for development. WRIT shares are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:WRE).

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