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Washington Real Estate Investment Trust Recognized for Workplace Excellence

ROCKVILLE, Md.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Washington Real Estate Investment Trust (WRIT) (NYSE: WRE) has been named a winner of the 2013 Workplace Excellence Award, the 2013 Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award, and the 2013 EcoLeadership Award from the Alliance for Workplace Excellence.

The Workplace Excellence Award and Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award highlight businesses that promote professional fulfillment and personal wellness at work, at home and in the community. The EcoLeadership Award honors companies that recognize the importance of environmental sustainability. This is WRIT's fifth Workplace Excellence Award, fourth Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award, and third EcoLeadership Award.

"This marks our third consecutive year of receiving these three awards. We understand the importance of fostering a positive work-life balance and we are very proud of the many initiatives we have taken in recent years to support our employees in their professional and personal lives. We are also proud to be recognized for our ongoing commitment to an environmentally sustainable workplace, and we hope to expand these efforts going forward," said Laura Franklin, Executive Vice President of Administration of WRIT.

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded by Montgomery County, Maryland and Discovery Communications, Inc. For more information, visit <http://www.excellentworkplace.org>.

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 69 properties totaling approximately 9 million square feet of commercial space and 2,540 residential units, and land held for development. These 69 properties consist of 25 office properties, 17 medical office properties, 16 retail centers and 11 multifamily properties. WRIT shares are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: WRE).

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