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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) received the 2012 Workplace Excellence Award, the 2012 Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award, and the 2012 EcoLeadership Award from the Alliance for Workplace Excellence on May 7, 2012.

The Workplace Excellence Award winners demonstrate outstanding commitment to balanced leadership and the overall success of their workforce, and the Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award recognizes employers who provide innovative programs for employee health and wellness. The EcoLeadership Award recognizes visionary employers who are paving the way for environmentally sustainable workplaces. These awards were created to honor businesses that promote professional fulfillment, personal wellness and a sustainable environment–at work, at home, and in the community. This is WRIT's fourth Workplace Excellence Award, third Health & Wellness Trailblazer Award, and second EcoLeadership Award.

Laura Franklin, Executive Vice President of Administration of WRIT said, "We work hard to foster a supportive environment that encourages our employees to achieve their professional goals while balancing healthy lifestyles and service to the community, and we are proud to be recognized for our efforts."

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 71 properties totaling approximately 9 million square feet of commercial space and 2,540 residential units, and land held for development. These 71 properties consist of 26 office properties, 18 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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and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our filings with the SEC, including our 2011 Form 10-K and first quarter 2012 Form 10-Q. We assume no obligation to update or supplement forward-looking statements that become untrue because of subsequent events.

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