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The Brick Companies' Lakefront at Washingtonian Earns EPA's ENERGY STAR® Certification for Superior Energy Efficiency

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (September 1, 2011) – Lakefront at Washingtonian, a Class A office building in Gaithersburg owned and managed by The Brick Companies, has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR certification, which signifies that the building performs in the top 25 percent of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency and meets strict energy efficiency performance levels set by the EPA.

"The Brick Companies is pleased to accept EPA's ENERGY STAR certification in recognition of our energy efficiency efforts," said Lex Birney, CEO of The Brick Companies. "Sustainable practices are a key part of our mission and this latest achievement further demonstrates our commitment to environmental stewardship."

Commercial buildings that earn EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The Brick Companies improved its energy performance by managing energy strategically across the entire organization and by making cost-effective improvements to its buildings.

"Improving the energy efficiency of our nation's buildings is critical to protecting our environment," said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. "From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA's ENERGY STAR certification."

To earn the ENERGY STAR, The Brick Companies uses Energy Star™ qualified products and practices to follow the efficiency guidelines set by the EPA and U.S. Department of Energy. Some of these energy-efficient features include properly maintained equipment with a web-based energy management system controlling the HVAC, efficient scheduling of lighting and equipment, the retrofit of lighting from F32 to F28 and the introduction of LED lighting.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. Today, the ENERGY STAR label can be found on more than 60 different kinds of products as well as new homes and commercial and industrial buildings that meet strict energy-efficiency specifications set by the EPA. Last

year alone, Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, saved \$18 billion on their energy bills while reducing the greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those of 34 million vehicles.

About Lakefront at Washingtonian

Acquired by The Brick Companies in 2011, Lakefront at Washingtonian, 9841 Washingtonian Boulevard, is a Class A office building situated in the heart of Washingtonian Center and The RIO, a 24-hour work, live, and play development in Gaithersburg, Maryland located just off I-270 and MD 200, the Intercounty Connector (ICC). Completed in 2006, the 103,360 square foot building located just 12 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. in Montgomery County holds the Energy Star certification and a variety of tenants including Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals, Ameriprise Financial, Buchanan Partners and Exeter Government Services. For leasing information contact Amy Natoli at anatoli@thebrickcompanies.com or call 443-951-2023.

About The Brick Companies

The Brick Companies (TBC), a privately held company based in Edgewater, Maryland, owns, develops and manages real estate “For Working, For Living, For Fun.” Properties in the TBC portfolio are located in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area. Some of its assets include 81 holes of golf (including the Golf Club at South River and Queenstown Harbor), the Atlantic Marina Resort on the Patapsco and Atlantic Marina on the Magothy in Pasadena, Maryland, and more than 500,000 square feet of commercial buildings in Maryland and Virginia. Moreover, the company is committed to environmental and social responsibility, as demonstrated by its “green building” philosophy and its support for charities and social causes through The TBC Foundation. For more information visit www.thebrickcompanies.com

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