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Melvin Mark Adds Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to Downtown Properties

PORTLAND, Ore. — Melvin Mark Companies has installed two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the parking garage at its headquarters, Columbia Square, located at 111 SW Columbia Street in downtown Portland.

Two additional stations are located in Melvin Mark's Auditorium Garage at 1400 SW 4th and two more have been installed at the Water Tower building located at 5331 SW Macadam. The network of six stations was installed as part of Melvin Mark's ongoing sustainability initiative through building practices that are environmentally responsible.

"Electric cars are becoming increasingly more popular and we want to be sure we can accommodate them in our garages and buildings," said Jim Mark, CEO, Melvin Mark Companies. "Portland residents are looking for more efficient strategies to save money and lower their carbon emissions. As leaders in the sustainability movement, this is another way we can help preserve our environmental resources and support our tenants in their commitment to sustainability."

Located on the fourth floor of the parking garage at Columbia Square, accessible from SW Jefferson Street, the stations are currently available for use at no charge to building tenants and their guests once they are in the garage. Charging time depends on the type of vehicle and size of the battery pack, but Melvin Mark estimates an average charging time of no more than six hours depending on the status of the cars charge.

ECotality, a national electric vehicle infrastructure developer, provided the charging stations. As project manager for The EV Project, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy through a federal stimulus grant, ECotality is overseeing the installation of 15,000 commercial and residential charging stations in cities across the country.

About Melvin Mark Companies

Melvin Mark Companies has developed, owned and managed property in Portland since 1945. They currently own or manage more than 2.8 million square feet of commercial space in the metro area, and provide a full range of commercial real estate services for landlords and tenants. The companies include Melvin Mark Development Company, Melvin Mark Capital Group, Melvin Mark Construction Company, Melvin Mark Brokerage Company. Melvin Mark Development Company is a seasoned leader in many of the region's foremost development projects.

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