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Melvin Mark Companies Honored for its Culture of Giving

PORTLAND, Ore. — October 1, 2010 — Melvin Mark Companies, a locally-owned commercial real estate services company, has been honored by *The Business Journal* as the most generous medium-sized company in Oregon. Melvin Mark received the top award for the second year in a row at the newspaper's annual Corporate Philanthropy Awards event.

The *Business Journal's* awards were held Thursday, September 23, 2010. Approximately 100 companies were ranked in small, medium and large company categories by their cash, community service and pro bono contributions to Oregon and Southwest Washington nonprofit organizations. Melvin Mark ranked first among 24 companies in the medium company category, which included businesses with revenue between \$10 million and \$50 million.

"Service and giving back to the community are fundamental to who we are as a company," said Jim Mark, chief executive officer, Melvin Mark Companies. "We live in a great city that is currently in a very difficult recession. We are pleased to support so many non-profits that are helping our local community."

The company focuses on contributing to programs that enrich arts and culture, which include the Portland Art Museum and Oregon Historical Society. Melvin Mark also supports several local need organizations such as Blanchet House, Portland Rescue Mission and the Oregon Food Bank, just to name a few. In 2009, Melvin Mark contributed over \$805,000 to nonprofit organizations and nearly \$125,000 in in-kind contributions. The company's 50 employees donated 734 hours of pro bono service to a diversity of community causes.

The Melvin Mark Companies have developed, owned and managed property in Portland since 1945. They currently own or manage nearly three 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 Brokerage Company, Melvin Mark Capital Group, Melvin Mark Construction Company, Melvin Mark Development Company and Melvin Mark Properties. Melvin Mark Brokerage Company is Oregon's only member of the CORE Network, a global alliance of commercial real estate providers with affiliations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Asia and Europe.

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