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Melvin Mark Companies Honored as Top Corporate Philanthropist

Recognized for its Commitment to Giving Back and Enriching the Community

PORTLAND, Ore. — October 6, 2009 — Melvin Mark Companies, the oldest family-owned commercial real estate company in Oregon, was honored by *The Business Journal* as the state's top corporate philanthropist among medium-sized companies at its annual Corporate Philanthropy Awards program.

The *Business Journal's* awards were held Thursday, October 1, 2009. 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 18 companies in the medium company category, which included businesses with revenue between \$10 million and \$50 million. In 2008, Melvin Mark ranked among the top ten in the same category.

“We’re honored to receive this award,” said Jim Mark, Melvin Mark Companies chief executive officer. “Portland is such a special place to live, work and raise a family, and our company has been fortunate to find success here. We believe it is our responsibility to give back to this community that has given more to us than we can ever repay.”

The company focuses on contributing to programs that enrich the area, which include the Portland Art Museum, SOLV and Oregon Ballet Theatre. In 2008, Melvin Mark contributed over \$700,000 to nonprofit organizations located primarily in the Portland metropolitan area.

Melvin Mark Companies’ dedication to service and appreciation towards their community is fundamental in the foundation of their business. *The Business Journal* noted that Melvin Mark Companies used the same “melvinizing” approach it applies to its commercial real estate holdings to the work it does with worthy charities around the region.

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 Development Company, Melvin Mark Properties and Melvin Mark Construction Company. 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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