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Akridge Selects Shalom Baranes to Design Burnham Place at Union Station Architect to plan complex live-work community in air rights above railyard

(Washington, DC) Akridge has chosen Shalom Baranes Associates as the architect for Burnham Place at Union Station, the commercial real estate firm's planned two to three million square foot development adjacent to Union Station in Washington, DC.

Shalom Baranes, Principal of Shalom Baranes Associates (Washington, DC), has both the experience and the vision to execute Burnham Place's ambitious goals. For two and a half decades, Baranes has received recognition for masterfully integrating contemporary buildings into a more historic urban fabric. The recipient of more than 100 design awards, he is one of the youngest architects to be inducted into the American Institute of Architects College of Fellows.

"Burnham Place is a key component of the District's revitalization of H Street Northeast and the NoMa neighborhood," says Matthew J. Klein, President of Akridge. "We are excited to work with Shalom, whose knowledge of Washington, DC and commitment to the City reflect our own."

Shalom Baranes Associates has operated in DC since 1981. Like Akridge, the architecture firm has played an integral role in shaping the development of the National Capital Region. Its list of newly-designed and redeveloped buildings includes some of the most prominent in the region and spans many uses. This list includes the Warner Theater, 800 F Street (home to the International Spy Museum), American Red Cross Headquarters, The Homer Building (where Akridge's offices are located), and the multi-use Ritz Carlton projects in Georgetown and the West End neighborhoods of Washington.

The firm is also currently working on components of the redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront, Waterside Mall, Southeast Federal Center, Old Convention Center in Washington, and Reagan National Airport's Terminal A.

Shalom Baranes is well-known for his ability to design and gain approval for complex and challenging projects, which are sensitive to their context. As a result, his firm has strong ties to, and is highly respected by community members and those who review and approve building design. Baranes has often advised and consulted with these review agencies on policy and project review decisions.

Akridge and Shalom Baranes' plans for Burnham Place are inspired and complex. Adjacent to the north side of Union Station, the development is to be built atop a 15-acre concrete platform above a fully operational railyard. The multi-faceted public-private development concept for this live-work community could include a destination hotel and vibrant commercial center, including first-class office, retail, and residential spaces. Central to this concept are planned improvements providing enhanced efficiency and connectivity among the many forms of mass transit that converge at Union Station.

Burnham Place's preliminary plans, including transit-oriented and green building elements, were recognized by DC's Smart Growth Alliance and the Maryland/DC chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties as a model for smart growth.

About Akridge

Akridge is a Washington, DC-based comprehensive real estate services company that provides acquisition, development, construction management, asset and property management, leasing, and consulting services. For seven of the last eight years, Akridge has been ranked the number one real estate firm in the country (among firms of similar size) for Client satisfaction by CEL & Associates and BOMA. Akridge is also recognized as a "Great Place to Work" by Washingtonian magazine and the Washington Business Journal. Since 1974, the company's projects have encompassed over 12 million square feet of space in the greater Washington region. For more information, please visit www.akridge.com.

About Shalom Baranes Associates

Shalom Baranes Associates, PC is a Washington, DC-based architectural firm acclaimed for its expertise in governmental, commercial, residential, and institutional design. The firm provides full architectural services for an international clientele, including both private and public sector groups. During the past two decades, Shalom Baranes Associates has designed projects whose value exceeds three billion dollars and 20 million square feet. For more information, please visit www.sbaranes.com.

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