LEED-EB Gold is Earned for Hines’ One Overton Park

(Madison, WI, September 3, 2009) – One Overton Park, located in Atlanta, Georgia, owned by Franklin Street Properties and managed and leased by Hines Management, has officially received LEED-EB (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). This certification recognizes that Hines Management, LLC has implemented continuous sustainability improvement measures guided by LEED-EB. Leonardo Academy was the LEED consultant for this project supporting the successful achievement of Gold Certification.

Hines implemented many green actions to achieve Gold Certification; these include:

- Green cleaning
- Sustainable purchasing
- A revised waste reduction and recycling program
- “Go Green” campaign as part of the tenant education and outreach program
- Achievement of an Energy Star rating of 92 which correlates to a 50% reduction in emissions compared to the average building
- Water efficient fixtures and landscaping
Leonardo Academy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 1997 with a vision of advancing sustainability and putting the competitive market to work on improving the environment. Leonardo Academy helps companies, organizations, buildings, events, families and individuals achieve sustainability throughout the country and the world. For greening buildings, Leonardo Academy supports implementation and certification under the LEED Green Building Rating System™. For additional information about the Leonardo Academy visit www.leonardoacademy.org.

Hines is a privately owned, international real estate firm that has provided the highest level of quality, service and value to its clients and investors for more than 50 years. The company has offices in 17 countries, with regional offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston (U.S. headquarters), London (European headquarters), New York and San Francisco, as well as 63 other U.S. cities. Hines offers comprehensive development, renovation and property management services consistent with the highest standards of sustainability, as defined by the U.S. Green Building Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In 2004, Hines became the first real estate firm ever to have been recognized with the Environmental Protection Agency’s ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award. Prior to that, Hines was named ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year three years running from 2001-2003. And in 2009, Hines was again recognized with the ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award. For additional information about Hines visit www.hines.com.

Franklin Street Properties (FSP), based in Wakefield, Massachusetts, is focused on achieving current income and long-term growth through investments in commercial properties. FSP operates in two business segments: real estate operations and investment banking/investment services. The majority of FSP’s property portfolio is suburban office buildings, with select investments in certain central business district properties. FSP’s subsidiary, FSP Investments LLC (member, FINRA and SIPC), is a real estate investment banking firm and a registered broker/dealer. FSP is a Maryland corporation that operates in a manner intended to qualify as a real estate investment trust (REIT) for federal income tax purposes. To learn more about FSP, please visit its Web site at http://www.franklinstreetproperties.com/.

The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings. LEED-EB is a USGBC-sponsored program for owners who address sustainable operations and maintenance for existing buildings. The USGBC is the nation’s leading coalition of corporations, builders, universities, government agencies and nonprofit organizations working together to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. For additional information about the USGBC visit www.usgbc.org.
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