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**KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT's 1800 West Loop South
Earns LEED® Gold Recertification¹**

HOUSTON (March 12, 2014) – [KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT](#), a public non-traded real estate investment trust based in Newport Beach, Calif., announces its [1800 West Loop South](#) office tower has earned LEED Gold recertification by the U.S. Green building Council under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance™ green building rating system.

1800 West Loop South is located in Houston's Galleria submarket. The 21-story, 400,101-square-foot building was certified LEED Silver in 2008, making it the first high-rise office building in Texas to earn Silver certification for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance.

Improving the building's indoor environmental quality, energy performance and water efficiency were the main goals of KBS and building manager Transwestern during the recertification process and building upgrades. With the building recertified Gold, 1800 West Loop South is now more sustainable and efficient for its tenants. The LEED Gold certification and ENERGY STAR®² ratings at 1800 West Loop means it is 40-percent more efficient than similar buildings nationwide, adjusting for climate and business activity.

“Earning LEED Gold recertification at 1800 West Loop South is an honor KBS holds in very high regard,” said KBS Capital Advisor Senior VP David Moore. “This is a landmark office tower building in the Galleria submarket that now serves as an example of successful sustainable practices in Houston and the entire state of Texas.”

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¹LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. To receive LEED certification, building projects must satisfy prerequisites and earn points to achieve different levels of certification. Gold is the third highest in the ranking.

²ENERGY STAR certification is awarded to buildings that have superior energy performance using 35 percent less energy and cause 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than similar buildings.

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