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FOR THE RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER***LEED-EB: O&M CERTIFICATION A FIRST FOR THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF CHICAGO*

CHICAGO, Tuesday, June 26, 2012—MB Real Estate is pleased to announce that the firm's Asset Management group has achieved a LEED for Existing Buildings-Operation and Maintenance (LEED-EB: O&M) Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for The Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington in Chicago.

The Daley Center is owned and operated by the Public Building Commission (PBC) on behalf of the City of Chicago and Cook County, and is Chicago's largest municipally owned LEED-EB: O&M certified office building at 1,593,714 square feet. MB Real Estate assisted the PBC in achieving the certification, a first for the PBC, based on the building's performance over a year-long period and sustainability efforts undertaken throughout the past decade. MB Real Estate and the PBC sought LEED-EB: O&M certification to align with overall sustainability goals, and demonstrate that LEED EB: O&M is attainable for municipally owned, large assembly use buildings.

Since 1994, MB Real Estate has provided property management for the Richard J. Daley Center and has implemented several efficiency modifications including a no-cost climate-control initiative that saved more than \$500,000 in electricity costs in 2009, and earned the property multiple ENERGY STAR designations. These modifications along with the building's lighting system adjustments have resulted in a 54% reduction of electricity usage, and modifications to the plumbing systems in each of the building's 417 restrooms have resulted in a 70% reduction of water usage.

"Sustainable initiatives are an important practice at MB Real Estate throughout the properties we manage to ensure minimum consumption and maximum efficiency," said Orestes Ruffin, LEED-AP, senior vice president for MB Real Estate and the general manager for The Richard J. Daley Center. "As property manager of the Daley Center we have initiated more than \$50 million in renovations designed to achieve greater efficiencies and reduce the building's carbon footprint. The resulting certification is a reflection of MB Real Estate's and the PBC's commitment to the exemplary stewardship of public funds

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and resources, and is a significant accomplishment for a building which receives 27,000 visitors on a daily basis.”

The City of Chicago maintains 55 LEED certified municipally owned facilities, more than any other city in the nation. The PBC has developed the majority of these facilities, with 32 registered and an additional 44 already having achieved certification. The Richard J. Daley Center is the first property for the PBC to attain the LEED-EB: O&M certification. MB Real Estate currently manages and leases more than 7 million square feet of LEED-certified or ENERGY STAR-designated properties.

Photo Caption A: Participant’s in the City of Chicago’s Green Office Challenge were recently honored by Mayor Rahm Emanuel for their efforts. MB Real Estate’s Senior Vice President and General Manager Orestes Ruffin, left of Mayor Emanuel; and Assistant General Manager Andre Wiggins, right of the Mayor, were on-hand to accept the award for Leadership in Property Management Excellence on behalf of the firm’s work at The Richard J. Daley Center.

Photo Caption B: MB Real Estate was presented the Leadership in Property Management Excellence award as part of the City’s Green Office Challenge for its efforts at The Richard J. Daley Center. In the photo from left to right: Andre Wiggins, assistant general manager of MB Real Estate; Orestes Ruffin, senior vice president and general manager of MB Real Estate; and Karen Weigert, chief sustainability officer, Office of the Mayor, the City of Chicago.

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