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Midwest Public Risk Office Building Selected for 2011 Capstone Award

OVERLAND PARK, KAN., – Midwest Public Risk (MPR), in partnership with A.L. Huber General Contractor, SFS Architecture and Zimmer Real Estate Services, has been awarded a 2011 Capstone Award in the Office category.

The Capstone Awards are awarded annually by the *Kansas City Business Journal* to honor outstanding real estate development projects and transactions throughout the Kansas City area. MPR will be recognized along with the other Capstone Award winners at an awards luncheon on April 25 at the Overland Park Sheraton.

“We are honored to accept a 2011 Capstone Award,” said Terry Norwood, CEO of MPR. “Our new building is an outstanding achievement in which our project partners were asked to create an innovative workplace environment for our members. We achieved all we set out for, and much more with Zimmer, SFS and A.L. Huber.”

“We are extremely proud of this project,” said Zimmer Vice President and Owner’s Representative, Kirk Sherman, LEED AP. “Not only were we able to assemble a team that met the current and future needs of Midwest Public Risk, but we were also able to develop an attractive and efficient office building in the heart of a growing and fast-paced suburban area. The location, site and building will serve MPR well as they continue to provide outstanding services for their clients.”

“Our design team worked closely with MPR to create a space that supports their long-term mission and goals,” commented Mike Shaughnessy, Principal of SFS Architecture. “MPR’s commitment to having a sustainable facility that would provide the best value to their membership was a key factor in the design of the building. Natural light, high-efficiency systems and durable low-maintenance finishes, along with many other features, make this space as efficient to operate, as it is enjoyable to experience.”

“A.L. Huber is proud to have been the building partner for the MPR project,” said Sarah Staten, the A.L. Huber project manager for MPR. “Our team delivered a facility that will serve MPR’s employees

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and members for many decades to come. MPR was the perfect fit for A.L. Huber's focus on high-quality construction and incorporating sustainable solutions. We congratulate the entire team on a job well done."

Located in the Eastland Park Development near the intersection of I-470 and I-70 in Independence, MO, MPR opened in the fall of 2010. With 15,000 square feet of space, the unique facility was designed with three distinct volumes to support the company's functions: MPR offices, a wellness center and a training component. The new building includes a central courtyard that takes advantage of outdoor views while daylighting pulls in natural light throughout the space. Green building materials and energy efficiency were incorporated during design and construction.

About MPR

Midwest Public Risk is a growing family of public entities across Missouri and Kansas who believe the concept of public entity pooling is the answer to "best service, best price." We provide all lines of coverage (Employee Benefits, Workers Compensation, Property and Liability) serving public entities such as Cities, Counties, Special Districts, Health Departments and School Districts.

About A.L. Huber General Contractor

A.L. Huber is a leader in Kansas City providing high-quality general contracting services for commercial construction including construction management, pre-construction services, design-build, project management, and LEED project services. As a family-owned business deeply rooted in the community for over a century, A.L. Huber is committed to serving those in need in Kansas City. A.L. Huber was named a 2010 Champion of Business by the *Kansas City Business Journal*. For more information: www.ALHuber.com

About SFS Architecture

SFS Architecture is an architecture and interior design firm located in Kansas City, Missouri. Over the firm's 38 years of practice, SFS has earned a reputation for design excellence and commitment to creating unique and exciting spaces for their clients. The wide breadth of the firm's experience, everything from office spaces and community centers to high-tech university facilities and federal courthouses, showcases the creative design solutions created for a wide range of facilities. For more information: www.sfsarch.com. SFS Media Contact: Kate Wind 816-474-1397.

About Zimmer Real Estate Services, LC

Zimmer Real Estate Services, L.C. is a privately-held corporation — with offices in Kansas City, MO; St. Louis, MO; and Salina, Kansas — owned by members of the Zimmer family and senior management. Founded in 1948, the Zimmer mission is to provide clients with the highest quality real estate services, individually tailored to fit specific needs. During its more than 60-year history, Zimmer has been responsible for the development of more than 28 million square feet of commercial buildings and more than 2,200 acres of business parks. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, Zimmer was honored by Ingram's Magazine in its annual Best Of Business event. In 2007, Zimmer's achievements were recognized as one of the inaugural Champions of Business as recognized by the *Kansas City Business Journal*. Zimmer also consistently ranks within the top real estate companies in surveys and awards. Zimmer's Development Management group has also been consistently recognized by the International Economic Development Council and the Urban Land Institute.

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