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## **DONOHOE Companies Celebrating 125 Years of Service to Capital Region**

*Firm has shaped development in D.C. and beyond since 1884; in good and bad times*

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14, 2009—**The Donohoe Companies**, the area's oldest full-service real estate firm that has shaped the development of the capital region throughout the many ups and downs of the national and local economies, is marking its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, announces Chairman, President and CEO James A. Donohoe III.

Even in today's challenging times The Donohoe Companies is making a positive imprint on the region's development and is providing jobs to thousands of local residents—directly or indirectly through the numerous contractors who work on the firm's projects.

"We are deeply proud of our firm, its considerable and widespread accomplishments, and its distinguished 125-year history," says Donohoe. "But we are more proud of the contributions the firm and its 650 employees have made to the progress and common-sense growth of our community. I and the extended Donohoe Companies family are excited about what the future holds for this venerable firm including its green development initiative and new ground-breaking projects we will be a part of in the future."

Guided by fourth and fifth generations of Donohoes—all descendants of founder John F. Donohoe—the firm is successfully navigating today's challenging economic times by following its core values of excellence, integrity and customer satisfaction. These values and the firm's 125-year tradition drive its business approach: "Hard work, fair play and the willingness to take reasonable risks with prudent provision for the future."

"This business model coupled with our local knowledge and long-range vision will guide The Donohoe Companies and its work well into the foreseeable future," says Donohoe.

Founded in 1884, The Donohoe Companies is one of the top 50 largest companies in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. It has grown considerably since its founding as a real estate brokerage firm in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Today, the company develops, builds, manages, leases and maintains properties through its divisions and subsidiaries: **Donohoe Development Company, Donohoe Construction Company, Donohoe Real Estate Services, Complete Building Services and Donohoe Hospitality Services.**

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The firm has developed and built billions of dollars of Washington's premier office, hotel, retail, industrial and residential projects. Its work includes hospital, university and government facilities; schools; embassies; and landmark, mixed-use developments stretching from Baltimore to Richmond. It also provides a full-range of building management, brokerage and maintenance services to major institutions, corporations and associations comprising more than 6 million square feet.

Among The Donohoe Companies' current projects are:

- 8240 Wisconsin Avenue, a 90,000-square-foot office and retail center in Downtown Bethesda;
- The Arts at 5<sup>th</sup> & I, a mixed-use facility in Washington, D.C. that will feature a boutique hotel, apartments and retail space;
- Hilton Garden Inn, a 130,000-square-foot hotel featuring 216 rooms at the mix-use Air Rights Center located on Waverly Street in Bethesda that will open in October and create 70 new jobs; and
- Residence Inn at Arlington Courthouse, a 132,000-square-foot hotel featuring 176 suites and 9,500 square feet of retail and restaurant space that will open in August and create an additional 55 new jobs.

In the past The Donohoe Companies was integral to the growth of key areas along the Baltimore-Washington-Richmond corridor. On its impressive resume are Georgetown Park; the Federal Center Plaza in Washington, D.C.; 222 St. Paul Place in Baltimore; Chevy Chase Pavilion; the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters in College Park, Md.; the Brigade Center at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis; and The Odyssey Condominiums in Arlington, Va.

The firm and its employees are highly active in the community, supporting a number of organizations and causes. "As a family-run business headquartered in Washington, D.C., the firm and all its employees—from top management down—are concerned for the wellbeing of our neighbors," said Jim Donohoe. "We must be good stewards of our community and offer a helping hand to its people in times of need. It is a role we have embraced throughout our 125-year history and will continue to be a hallmark of the firm and its employees tomorrow and beyond."

Among its many community involvement projects is Hospitality High School of Washington, a unique school that prepares students for careers in the hospitality industry. The school has an extraordinary 100 percent graduation rate and 80 percent of its graduates attend college. The Donohoe Companies built out the new school and today donates its project management and supervision services to the new facility, which opened in September 2007.

The Donohoe Companies also donated more than a million dollars to renovate St. Augustine School, which serves inner-city school children, and works with the Yellow Ribbon Fund and the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund to provide hotel rooms to the family members of injured military men and women so they can visit their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment here.

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Additionally, the Donohoe Companies was a founding member of the Academy of Construction and Design at Cardozo Senior High School in Northwest, D.C. Today, the Donohoe Companies helps to operate the Academy, which provides hands-on training in the construction trades to Cardozo students and adult education and apprenticeship training to District residents.

Donohoe Companies employees also give their own time to feed the homeless, lead community cleanup projects and mentor local school children.

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