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KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT Inks Six Leases in Dallas Submarket

Non-traded REIT signs 29,066 square feet in Richardson, Texas

RICHARDSON, Texas (Oct. 8, 2012) – <u>KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT</u>, Inc. (KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT), a public, non-traded real estate investment trust headquartered in Newport Beach, Calif., has signed six new and expansion leases totaling 29,066 square feet at its 726,551-square-foot, five-building <u>Richardson Office Portfolio</u> in Richardson, Texas, 15 miles north of downtown Dallas. KBS Strategic Opportunity REIT acquired the portfolio in November 2011.

- <u>Farmer, Fuqua & Huff, P.C.</u>., a local CPA firm, has signed a new headquarters lease for 8,087 square feet in Palisades Central II. Swalm & Associates, P.C., another local CPA firm, also signed a new lease for 1,978 square feet in Palisades Central II. The expected move-in date for both firms is December 2012. Duke Biggers with <u>Swearingen Realty Group</u> in Dallas handled lease negotiations on behalf of Farmer, Fuqua & Huff and Swalm & Associates.
- GXS, Inc., will relocate its Dallas office to a new 10,086-square-foot space on the 16th floor of Palisades Central II. The global e-commerce company will assume occupancy in October 2012. Brian Whittington from <u>Cresa</u>'s Dallas office was the tenant representative broker.
- <u>FCCI Insurance Group</u>, a leading provider of commercial property and casualty insurance headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., opened a new, 5,292-square-foot regional office on the 10th floor of Palisades Central II. Doug Carignan with <u>Jones Lang LaSalle</u> represented FCCI, which took occupancy in August 2012.
- CPA firm <u>Richard M. Witmer</u> will relocate its local office from 2505 N. Plano Road in Richardson to a 2,041-square-foot suite in Palisades Central II in November 2012. The tenant represented itself in the transaction.

 American Energy Partners, Inc. (AEPI), an affiliate of oil and gas explorer <u>Eckard Global</u>, <u>LLC</u>, has expanded its lease by 1,665 square feet to occupy 6,073 square feet on the 13th floor of Palisades Central II. The tenant represented itself in the transaction.

Sarah Catherine Norris and Mark Jordan with <u>JP Realty Partners</u> in Dallas negotiated all six leases on behalf of KBS.

The Richardson Office Portfolio is centrally located near the intersection of US-75/North Central Expressway and SH-190/President George Bush Turnpike in Richardson's Telecom Corridor, which represents the second largest employment center in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. The portfolio is also proximate to Interstate Highway 635 and the Dallas North Tollway.

Palisades Central I and II are 10- and 16-story office towers offering a total of 427,510 square feet. Greenway Plaza I, II and III are three low-level buildings offering a total of 299,041 square feet.

KBS and affiliated companies own 15 properties in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, totaling more than 4.9 million square feet. This includes <u>2525 McKinnon</u>, a 109,810-square-foot office property in Dallas; the 353,461-square-foot <u>Millennium Tower</u> in Addison; <u>International Plaza Tower III</u>, a 351,872-square-foot Class A office building in Dallas; and the three-building, 522,043-square-foot <u>Town Center Office Park</u> in Plano.

About KBS

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