

The Davis Companies

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THE DAVIS COMPANIES ENTERS DC MARKET

*Teaming Up With American Real Estate Partners to Purchase Two Buildings
In Washington's Central Business District*

Boston, MA – June 14, 2011 – The Davis Companies (TDC) is pleased to announce it has partnered with American Real Estate Partners (AREP) to purchase 1140 and 1146 19th Street N.W. in Washington, D.C. The buildings are located in the Central Business District (CBD), in downtown Washington, D.C. TDC is based in Boston, MA and is a private real estate investment company; AREP is also a fully integrated private real estate investment company, and is based in Herndon, VA. While the respective teams have known each other for some time, this acquisition represents their first joint venture together.

According to Brad Takala, Managing Director of Acquisitions for The Davis Companies, “this acquisition is strategically important for us as it marks our debut in the Washington, D.C. market.” Takala went on to say, “while we have been active investors in the Northeast for 35 years, we are excited to be extending our portfolio down the coast to the nation’s capital. We are equally thrilled to be partnering with AREP on this unique opportunity.”

“Through quality acquisitions such as 1140 and 1146 19th Street, American Real Estate Partners continues to build its reputation as one of the most active real estate operating platforms in the country,” said Brian Katz, President. “We remain dedicated to identifying opportunities to create value and growing our portfolio of assets in Washington, D.C. and other top cities along the East Coast.” AREP CEO Doug Fleit added, “We are very excited to be partnering with The Davis Companies on this acquisition.”

Located in the Golden Triangle, two-and-half blocks from the Dupont Circle and Farragut North Metro stations, 1140 and 1146 19th Street N.W. total 111,348 square feet, and feature a diverse tenant population of law firms, medical offices and professional organizations.

The buildings are situated in one of Washington D.C.’s TDR Receiving Zones and can add up to an approximately 60,000 square feet of additional FAR. While the plans are still preliminary, AREP and TDC are planning for a Class A, full building renovation that will add 3 floors to the top of the buildings.

The Davis Companies, a real estate investment, development and management firm based in Boston, Massachusetts, was founded in 1976. On behalf of their clients, they have invested in approximately 120 properties representing over \$2 billion in gross asset value, and have acquired approximately \$300 million of commercial loans and real estate securities. Today, The Davis Companies, together with its affiliates, owns and manages a real estate portfolio of 6 million square feet and is an active investor in real estate equity, debt, and fixed-income real estate securities.

For more information about The Davis Companies please visit www.thedaviscompanies.com.

American Real Estate Partners, one of the most experienced real estate operating platforms in the United States, concentrates on commercial real estate assets and real estate financial instruments in markets along the Eastern Seaboard of the United States, including Washington, D.C., Virginia, suburban Maryland, Raleigh-Durham, Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. The firm's current holdings total approximately 4.2 million square feet of Class A office and flex assets.

For more information about American Real Estate Partners please visit www.americanrepartners.com.