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**Granite Properties Named to Great Place to Work® 2013 Best Small Workplaces List
for Second Consecutive Year**

Company moved up six spots to be ranked 4th

(PLANO, TEXAS) – September 25, 2013– Granite Properties was named by Great Place to Work® as one of the best small workplaces in the United States on its annual 2013 Best Small & Medium Workplaces list, published recently in *FORTUNE* magazine. Ranked #4 in the small business category, this is the second consecutive year Granite Properties has received this honor.

Competing against hundreds of companies across the country, firms participate in a rigorous selection process, which include an employee survey and an in-depth questionnaire about benefits programs and company practices. Great Place to Work® evaluates each application using its unique methodology based on five dimensions: credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

Granite, a company known for its strong relationships, was recognized by Great Place to Work® because of its team building and inclusion programs. At Granite's corporate office, new hires are paired with Graniteer friends from the field who introduce them to employees at various company locations, and corporate-based staff reciprocate by introducing their field-based co-workers to headquarters employees. Employees have regular "brown bag lunches" with CEO Michael Dardick, and participate in fun charitable events, and outings such as Texas Rangers games to create a family feel.

"We have always known that Granite Properties is a great place to work," said Michael Dardick. "We're here because we're in the people business, not the real estate business. Real estate just happens to be the platform we get to use to impact people. We believe in doing the right thing every step of the way, and that includes treating our employees as a family."

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“The companies appearing on our Best Small & Medium Workplaces list help us achieve our mission by presenting others with an example to emulate. These companies demonstrate that being an excellent employer leads to business success,” said Robert Levering, CEO and Co-founder of Great Place to Work®. “While these companies may be relatively small in headcount, many of them provide services to some of the country’s largest and most notable organizations, suggesting that success has not so much to do with size as with the quality of service and experience a company provides. A great workplace, full of great employees, is better equipped to achieve that success.”

To see the 2013 Great Place to Work Best Small & Medium Workplaces list and to learn more about how to build a high-trust workplace culture, visit www.greatplacetowork.com, and to learn more about Granite Properties, visit www.graniteprop.com

About Granite Properties

Granite Properties is a privately held commercial real estate investment and management company with offices in Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Houston and Los Angeles. Since 1991, Granite Properties has acquired or developed more than 20 million square feet of commercial real estate totaling \$3.4 billion. With a primary emphasis on office properties and an unusually long-term view, Granite Properties places a high priority on creating exceptional work environments for its tenants while conserving natural resources.

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