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ARA Brokers 168 Unit Value-Add Asset Near the Academy Boulevard Retail Corridor in Colorado Springs

Buyer Expects to Capitalize on an Aggressive Renovation Plan in a Central Location with a Strong, Evolving Rental Pool

Colorado Springs, CO (August 11, 2014) - Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, full-service investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, recently brokered the sale of the 168-unit Hill Park apartment community in Colorado Springs, CO. ARA Colorado's Kevin McKenna, Ken Greene and Saul Levy represented the seller, Hill Park Associates, a California-based private real estate investor, in the transaction.

Shefflin Investments, LLC, a Montecito, California-based real estate investment company, purchased the property for \$5,900,000, representing a price per unit of \$35,119 or \$45.77 per square foot. The property was 95% occupied at the time of closing.

Ken Greene explained, "Hill Park presented one of the best value-add opportunities for this market in recent years. The property was acquired for a reasonable price and the buyer has budgeted for substantial renovations. Several properties in this neighborhood have seen radical transformations and more investors are beginning to take notice. Hill Park is perfectly positioned for a similar upgrade, but also has a distinct advantage over the competition with some of the largest floor plans in this submarket

and one of the few properties with a strong concentration of three-bedroom units.”

“We saw a lot of interest in the property, and offers were competitive. I think investors are realizing that the number of true value-add properties are dwindling. Over the past few years, many older vintage properties have traded and already undergone renovation. As a result, few opportunities are left. We are seeing a lot of urgency from value-add focused investors,” said Saul Levy.

Constructed in 1972, the property is conveniently located in southeast Colorado Springs allowing residents a direct commute to downtown Colorado Springs and immediate access to retail along the Academy corridor. The property provides an average square footage of 767 square feet consisting of 17% three-bedrooms, 62% two-bedrooms and 21% one bedroom units. The property also possesses low-lot density at 20.8 units per acre—providing plenty of space for additional amenities.

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