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ARA Announces the Sale of Whispering Hills Apartments in San Antonio, TX Asset's Value-Add Component and Close Proximity to Major Thoroughfares a Significant Selling Points for Potential Investors

San Antonio, TX (July 8, 2013) – Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, full-service investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, is pleased to announce the sale of Whispering Hills Apartments, a 164-unit community located in northeast San Antonio, Texas.

ARA San Antonio-based broker, Casey Fry, represented the seller, Commerce Capital, a private investment firm based in San Antonio, in the transaction. The community was acquired by Frontline Holdings, a Dallas based private investment firm.

"Whispering Hills is a well maintained, garden-style, Class B asset that was attractive to investors due to its location within close proximity to major thoroughfares including the IH-35 corridor and Wurzbach Parkway, at 13658 O'Connor Rd," said Fry. "Investors were drawn to the growth prospects of the IH-35 corridor and the prospective valueadd opportunity available at the property through enhancing the unit interiors."

Constructed in 1983, Whispering Hills is comprised of one, two, and three-bedroom floor plans. The property's leasing office had recently undergone a complete renovation with the addition of a business center. Additional amenities include two swimming pools, beautiful landscaping, and barbeque grill areas within a park-like setting.

Occupancy at the time of sale was 95%.

To schedule an interview with an ARA executive regarding this transaction or for more information about ARA locally, please contact Allison Blount at ablount@arausa.com or 512.637.1229, or nationally, Amy Morris at amorris@arausa.com or 678.553.9366.

About ARA

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