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ARA Brokers 72-Unit Multifamily Asset in Cleveland, TX Value-Add Opportunity Attracts California-Based Investor

Cleveland, TX (December 9, 2013) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately-held, fullservice investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, recently arranged the sale of Kirbywood Apartments, a 72-unit, Class B multifamily asset in Cleveland, TX.

On behalf of ARA's Secondary Markets team based in Austin, TX, Jon Boone, Jeff Patterson and Kelly Witherspoon represented the seller, a Houston, TX-based private investor. The purchaser is a California-based company focusing on value-add multifamily investments.

"We had a substantial amount of interest in the property because of its great value-add potential and the current rental demand in the area," said Boone.

"The seller hit their hold period on the property and was looking to redeploy capital into a larger asset," added Boone. "We were able to bring in a seasoned buyer with a proven track record in the region. It was a good transaction for both parties."



Kirbywood Apartments, located at 307 Kirbywood in Cleveland, TX, was built in 1978 and offers one-, two- and three-bedroom units averaging 753 square feet. Community amenities include a swimming pool with sun deck, courtyards and lush landscaping, renovated leasing office, freshly painted exteriors, clothes care center and playground. Unit features include space saver kitchens with pantries, custom two-tone

paint, faux wood flooring, energy-efficient ceiling fans, and walk-in closets. The property was 95% occupied at the time of closing.

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