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ARA's MidAtlantic Team Executes Sale of 308-unit Community in Alexandria, Virginia Value-Add Opportunity in High Barrier to Entry Market

Alexandria, VA (June 25, 2013) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, fullservice investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, announces the sale of Bennington Crossings, a 308-unit community located in Northern Virginia's dynamic Alexandria submarket.

ARA MidAtlantic-based Principal's Drew White and Ryan Ogden represented the seller, privately-held, Greenwood Village, CO-based Laramar Group, in this transaction.

The property was acquired by The JBG Companies, a private, Washington, DC-based commercial real estate firm.

The sale of Bennington Crossings, a garden style apartment community located in the Alexandria, Virginia submarket, provided The JBG Companies a strong value-add investment opportunity. The community's irreplaceable location, access to strong infrastructure and vast public transportation system, as well as outstanding submarket fundamentals, create an exceptional opportunity for The JBG Companies to acquire an asset that is well-positioned to realize future rent growth potential in the nation's strongest apartment market.

Constructed in 1962 and renovated in 2008, the property reported 95% occupancy at the time of the sale.

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