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### **ICSC Introduces Inaugural ICSC William M. Sulzbacher Government Relations Leadership Award**

*Award Presented to G. Lamont Blackstone,  
Principal of G.L. Blackstone & Associates LLC*

**NEW YORK, November 16, 2011** – The ICSC William M. Sulzbacher Government Relations Leadership Award will serve as an annual recognition of an outstanding ICSC Government Relations Volunteer. As a second-generation Jacksonville, Florida civic-leader, Mr. Sulzbacher has been a teacher, a developer, manager, and leaser of mixed-used real estate, and most recently, the President of Hedrick Street Ventures, LLC. In honor of Mr. Sulzbacher, the award will be given to those who manifest a great capacity for compassion, integrity and service, reflecting the qualities and values that Mr. Sulzbacher possessed. This year, ICSC is proud to present the award to G. Lamont Blackstone, a Mount Vernon-based shopping center and economic development professional whose career encompasses accomplishments in both the public and private sectors.

"Whether it has been advancing inner-city redevelopment, increasing the employment of minority professionals in the commercial real estate industry, or improving energy efficiency in shopping centers, ICSC has embraced issues which I have chosen to promote. And because it is one of the world's preeminent real estate associations, I feel honored to receive this inaugural award," said G. Lamont Blackstone. "In my efforts to develop retail projects in minority and inner-city communities, I've seen the wisdom of public policy, but I've unfortunately seen the impacts of self-destructive public policy on other issues as well. So whether it's working to fulfill the promise of public-private partnerships or educating policymakers regarding the negative impacts of their decisions, active involvement in government relations is critically important."

G. Lamont Blackstone is a long-standing ICSC volunteer, and the principal of G. L. Blackstone & Associates LLC, a commercial real estate development consulting firm specializing in urban markets, the crafting of public-private partnerships, and energy expense solutions for commercial properties. He obtained an M.B.A. in Finance and Real Estate from The Wharton School and a B.S. in Business Administration from Boston University.

Prior to his position at G.L. Blackstone & Associates LLC, Lamont was the Chief

Investment Officer of The Retail Initiative, INC. (“TRI”), the nation’s first commercial real estate equity fund to target inner-city retail development opportunities and supermarket-anchored projects. During his time at TRI, he participated in the development team for the Harlem Pathmark project which opened in 1999 as the largest supermarket in Manhattan. Over the course of his career, Lamont also held commercial real estate development and leasing positions with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the New York State Urban Development Corporation, Pan Pacific Development Corp., and Cadillac Fairview Shopping Centers.

With a history of serving as a Co-Chairperson of the ICSC New York State Government Relations Committee, holding multiple Leadership positions with the ICSC Alliance Program, contributing to ICSC’s seminal research on inner-city and under-served markets including “Retail as a Catalyst for Economic Development,” and serving as Dean of the School for Economic Development at the ICSC University of Shopping Centers, it’s safe to say that Lamont has made service a significant priority in his career. Furthermore, his leadership and diverse contributions have made a lasting impact on the quality and caliber of the ICSC Government Relations Program, and has delivered a unique and valued perspective to ICSC as a whole.

Founded in 1957, ICSC is the premier global trade association of the shopping center industry. Its more than 55,000 members in over 90 countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, retailers and brokers, as well as academics and public officials. As the global industry trade association, ICSC links with more than 25 national and regional shopping center councils throughout the world. For more information, visit [www.icsc.org](http://www.icsc.org).

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