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Kohl's Department Stores Named 2011 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year for Commitment to Energy Management

Retailer aims to increase energy efficiency by an additional four percent per square foot across store portfolio in 2011 and pursue Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR designation for all new stores

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis., April 12, 2011 – Kohl's Department Stores (NYSE: KSS) today announced that the company will be recognized as a 2011 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for the second consecutive year at the ENERGY STAR Awards ceremony held tonight in Washington, D.C. Given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy, the Partner of the Year Award recognizes Kohl's contributions to protecting the environment through energy efficiency initiatives.

"Kohl's continuously strives to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and energy costs while maintaining a shopping environment that is comfortable for our customers," said Ken Bonning, Kohl's executive vice president of store planning and logistics. "Accomplishing this takes partnership and commitment across all areas of the organization from our corporate office and distribution centers to our more than 1,000 stores nationwide. We're pleased to report that more than 50 percent of our stores have earned the ENERGY STAR label in recognition of their diligent efforts to assess and reduce energy use, and that the number of labeled locations continues to grow."

To date, Kohl's has more than 600 ENERGY STAR-labeled locations – more than any other department store. According to EPA, on average, commercial buildings that earn the ENERGY STAR label use 35 percent less energy and generate one-third less carbon dioxide than similar buildings. By making energy management a key focus in the company's comprehensive sustainability strategy, Kohl's saved enough energy in 2010 to power more than 11,500 average American households for one year. After improving energy efficiency by more than 20 percent across stores over the last four years, Kohl's aims to increase energy efficiency by an additional four percent across its portfolio of stores in 2011.

Kohl's has also taken steps to ensure that newly constructed buildings are more energy efficient by design. All newly constructed Kohl's stores will pursue Designed to Earn the ENERGY STAR designation with the intent of earning the ENERGY STAR label once built. These stores are eligible to earn the ENERGY STAR label after maintaining superior energy performance for one year in operation.

Kohl's has been a member of ENERGY STAR since 1998 and utilizes the ENERGY STAR portfolio manager to track energy performance of all facilities, expand use of best practices and review areas to enhance energy performance. Kohl's began installing building automation control systems as early as 1982 and today operates all locations via a centralized energy management system that controls most interior and exterior lighting, heating and cooling. Kohl's is also North America's largest retail host of solar power with more than 100 solar locations in eight states, including California, Wisconsin, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Oregon, Colorado and Pennsylvania. Additional energy management initiatives include close partnership with electric utility



representatives at stores nationwide, office equipment upgrades and continued investments in high-efficiency lighting, as well as in occupancy sensors and variable frequency drives to help regulate energy consumption.

Additional information about Kohl's sustainability initiatives, including environmentally responsible building design and operation, stakeholder engagement and waste and emission reduction is available at www.Kohls.com/Cares. For more information on the ENERGY STAR program, visit www.energystar.gov.

About Kohl's Department Stores

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kohl's (NYSE: KSS) is a family-focused, value-oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced, exclusive and national brand apparel, shoes, accessories, beauty and home products in an exciting shopping environment. With a commitment to environmental leadership, Kohl's operates 1,097 stores in 49 states. In support of the communities it serves, Kohl's has raised more than \$180 million for children's initiatives nationwide through its Kohl's Cares® cause merchandise program, which operates under Kohl's Cares, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kohl's Department Stores, Inc. For a list of store locations and information, or for the added convenience of shopping online, visit www.Kohls.com.