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## **Allen Bernard Joins FaciliTech as Vice President, Welsh Facility Services**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN (January 5, 2009)** Welsh Companies announced today that Allen Bernard has joined FaciliTech as Vice President, Welsh Facility Services. Bernard oversees the day-to-day operations of FaciliTech, providing cost effective, high-quality facility and maintenance services to property owners, managers, and businesses. He is responsible for realizing efficiencies in the current operating system, enhancing customer service, and developing new marketing strategies.

Prior to joining Welsh, Bernard was employed by First Industrial Realty Trust as a Project Manager. He oversaw all tenant improvement projects in an 8 million square-foot industrial portfolio, negotiated all construction contracts and subcontractor bids, aided in the development of nationwide specifications and building standards, and managed multiple projects. Before his employment with First Industrial Realty Trust, Bernard worked for DLR Group, The Bainey Group, Avalon Builders, and Sterling Contractors in the Twin Cities.

Bernard earned a Bachelor's Degree from Alfred University. He also holds a Certificate of Completion in Drywall Estimating from the Carter School of Estimating. He is a member of the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), and is the Social Committee Co-Chair for 2009. Bernard has over 11 years of successful project management experience in the highly competitive Twin Cities market. His strong communication and customer relations skills contribute to the efficient operations of FaciliTech.

### **About Welsh**

Welsh is a full-service commercial real estate company headquartered in the Twin Cities with regional offices in Minneapolis and St. Paul; Chicago, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Detroit, Michigan; and Cincinnati, Ohio. The Welsh organization consists of more than 300 professionals whose expertise extends into every aspect of commercial real estate including office, industrial and retail brokerage, corporate services, property management, facility management,

construction, architecture, development, financing and investment services. The brokerage division, NAI Welsh, is an affiliate of NAI Global, a multinational network of skilled commercial real estate professionals strategically located in 325 markets worldwide. To learn more about Welsh, go to [www.welshco.com](http://www.welshco.com).

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