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## **Jean Kane, Welsh Companies President and COO, Honored with Minnesota NAIOP President's Award**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN (January 23, 2009)** The Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) honored Jean Kane, President and COO of Welsh Companies, with the 2008 President's Award.

The President's Award is the chapter's highest individual recognition, awarded for demonstrating outstanding service to NAIOP, the real estate industry and the greater community. This is the 23<sup>rd</sup> year this award has been presented.

Kane is a proven leader in the commercial real estate industry and has earned the respect of her peers – colleagues and competitors alike. As President and COO of Welsh Companies, she oversees the operations of the company's Real Estate Services group, which includes Welsh Companies, Welsh Construction, Genesis Architecture, Welsh Capital and FaciliTech. Under her leadership, the company has grown with product, service line, and geographic expansion.

Kane is past president of the NAIOP Minnesota Chapter and currently serves on the executive committee of NAIOP Corporate, the leadership team of the NAIOP Corporate Board of Directors. She has held various national NAIOP leadership positions over the past couple of years and will serve as the vice chair of government affairs in 2009.

Kane is a member of the Young President's Organization (YPO), Lambda Alpha International, and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). She currently serves on US Bank's Twin Cities Advisory Board and has previously served on the board of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Lutheran College Board of Regents.

Kane gives generously of her time to various charities in the Twin Cities, including Hope for the City, NAIOP's partner charity. She also mentors young women in the real estate industry.

Kane is a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) and Real Property Administrator (RPA), and received a bachelor of arts degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN.

NAIOP is the nation's leading trade association for developers, owners, investors and other professionals in industrial, office and mixed-use commercial real estate. Founded in 1967, NAIOP comprises 15,000+ members in 54 chapters throughout North America.

### **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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