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Nils Snyder, Vice President at NAI Welsh, Named to Business Journal's '40 Under Forty'

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (March 27, 2009) Nils Snyder, Vice President at NAI Welsh, has been named one of the *Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal's* '40 Under Forty'.

The 40 Under Forty award, now in its 16th year, spotlights 40 of the region's top young business and civic leaders who have made tremendous accomplishments and are poised to leave their mark on the Twin Cities for years to come. Candidates demonstrate a consistent, outstanding professional achievement and show a commitment to community service. Snyder joins the ranks of past recipients Governor Tim Pawlenty, designer Joy Teiken and Minnesota Twins President Dave St. Peter.

A graduate of St. Olaf College, Snyder began his career in commercial real estate shortly after graduation. Over the past ten years, he has completed 2.2 million square feet of transactions with values approaching \$500 million. He has represented high-profile Minneapolis projects including Renaissance Square, one of the oldest buildings on Nicollet Mall; 50 South Sixth, one of the newest; and 225 South Sixth, the city's tallest and largest single office building.

"Snyder's success at Welsh can be attributed to his hard work ethic, excellent market knowledge and ability to build lasting relationships," said Bill Wardwell, Executive Vice President, NAI Welsh. "He is a key member of our Downtown Minneapolis team and is ranked among the top 10 producing brokers at Welsh."

Snyder credits former U.S. Rep Jim Ramstad as the inspiration for his work ethic and dedication to public service. Frequently leveraging his own business expertise for the betterment of the community, Snyder has worked with many nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities. He is currently a member of the Guthrie Theater's Business Circle and serves on the housing and development committee for Project for Pride in Living.

In 1998, Snyder founded the St. Olaf Alumni Partnership, a student organization established to create communication between alumni and students. He holds a Minnesota Real Estate License and is a member of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), the Organization of Commercial Realtors, the Minneapolis Association of Realtors, the St. Paul Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), and is a Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM).

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.

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