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GLOBAL DIVERSITY SUMMIT IN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE ANNOUNCES DATES FOR 2008 SUMMIT

Summit Returns to Atlanta in July

Atlanta, GA - Officials of the *Global Diversity Summit (GDS) in Commercial Real Estate* have announced that its 3rd Annual Summit will be held July 21-23, 2008 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2008 GDS is entitled “*Reinventing Real Estate – Faces and Places*”, and will bring together minority commercial real estate professionals with a diverse background to exchange knowledge and discuss future challenges facing the multi-trillion dollar industry.

3rd Annual Global Diversity Summit

July 21-23, 2008

Georgia World Congress Center

285 Andrew Young International Boulevard, N.W.

Atlanta, Georgia

Last year over 500 people attended the three-day conference that showcased top minority commercial real estate executives, who shared their successes and failures in the highly competitive industry. Last year’s GDS speakers included *Victor MacFarlane*, Chief Executive Officer of *MacFarlane Partners*, which has over \$15 billion in assets under management; *Herman Bulls*, International Director of *Jones Lang LaSalle*; *Richmond S. McCoy*, President/CEO/CIO of *Urban America LP*; *Quintin E. Primo III*, Chairman and CEO of *Capri Capital Partners* and *R. Lynn King-Tolliver* of *MetLife*.

“My goal is to grow this year’s Summit exponentially,” *Trenna Ross*, Co-Chair of the Global Diversity Summit in Commercial Real Estate and Vice-President Brokerage at Ackerman & Company. “We want to continue building on the success of our first two years by increasing participation of, not only minority commercial real estate professionals from across the country—but representatives from majority commercial real estate firms, as well. The Summit provides an excellent platform for building relationships and business opportunities; therefore creating an environment with maximum exposure for diversity is critical – particularly in an industry that is still very much underrepresented by minorities”.

“I am so pleased with the growth of our summit,” said *Lynn Smith*, Founder of the Global Diversity Summit in Commercial Real Estate and Broker at Cushman & Wakefield, Incorporated. “During the first two years of the GDS, we’ve learned sharing our experiences is the key. As minorities we need to make sure that our voice is united and events like this summit serve as a bonding element in that process.”

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For more about the Global Diversity Summit in Commercial Real Estate, please go to our website at www.globaldiversitysummit.org.

About the Global Diversity Summit

Created in 2005, the Global Diversity Summit unites commercial real estate professionals throughout the world to focus on increasing diversity in the industry. The organization believes that diversity in commercial real estate can be achieved through education and networking with the world's senior-level minority professionals, sharing their success stories and ideas on future challenges with the industry's emerging minority talent. For more information, please go to our website at www.globaldiversitysummit.org.

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