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### **Grubb & Ellis|West Shell Commercial's Kim Bertke Earns CCIM Designation**

CINCINNATI(May 11, 2009) – Grubb & Ellis|West Shell Commercial, the leading local provider of integrated real estate services, today announced that Kimberly S. Bertke, a veteran of the Cincinnati commercial real estate industry, has earned the Certified Commercial Investment Member designation by completing an extensive curriculum and meeting significant experiential requirements. The CCIM designation was established in 1969 and is recognized as the mark of professionalism and knowledge in commercial investment real estate.

Bertke joined Grubb & Ellis|West Shell Commercial in 2008 as a sales vice president specializing in the sale and leasing of industrial properties in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky markets. Her previous experience includes ten years in the commercial real estate and financial services industries.

“We are pleased to congratulate Kim on her achievement. Her commitment, knowledge and professionalism continue to be a valuable asset to our company, clients and community,” said Shenan Murphy, CCIM, president, chief executive officer of Grubb & Ellis|West Shell Commercial.

Bertke is a graduate of the University of Dayton and resides in Walnut Hills with her husband, Martin, and two stepsons. She is a member of the Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, Commercial Real Estate Women of Greater Cincinnati, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, Airport Area Industrial Association, Northern Kentucky Industrial Park Member and the University of Cincinnati Real Estate Roundtable. She also is active in the community, serving on the Board of Trustees of the Art Academy of Cincinnati, as the vice chair of Girls of the Run and the Junior League of Cincinnati.

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Grubb & Ellis and its subsidiaries are leading sponsors of real estate investment programs that provide individuals and institutions the opportunity to invest in a broad range of real estate investment vehicles, including tax-deferred 1031 tenant-in-common (TIC) exchanges; public non-traded real estate investment trusts (REITs) and real estate investment funds. As of September 30, 2008, more than \$3.8 billion in investor equity has been raised for these investment programs. The company and its subsidiaries currently manage a growing portfolio of more than 225 million square feet of real estate. In 2007, Grubb & Ellis was selected from among 15,000 vendors as Microsoft Corporation's Vendor of the Year. For more information regarding Grubb & Ellis Company, please visit [www.grubb-ellis.com](http://www.grubb-ellis.com).

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