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**ESSEX REALTY GROUP, INC CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY
AND APPOINTMENTS OF PRINCIPALS TO THE FIRM**

CHICAGO ILLINOIS - Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Essex Realty Group, Inc. is proud to announce it is celebrating its 20th anniversary successfully serving the Chicago-area investment real estate market.

Essex is also pleased to announce it has named James Darrow, Douglas Fisher and Matthew Welke as principals of the firm.

James J. Darrow is a third generation investment real estate professional and is a past President of the Commercial Real Estate Forum. He has more than 15 years of investment real estate experience and has been with Essex since 1998.

Doug Fisher, a former commercial and investment banker, has over 20 years of commercial real estate experience and joined Essex Realty Group in 2002 as a Managing Director.

Matthew Welke joined Essex Realty Group as Managing Director in March 2004. He was recently honored by GlobeSt.com and Real Estate Forum as a national 40 Under 40 award recipient.

Essex Realty Group, Inc. specializes in the sale of investment real estate throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Since it's founding in 1990, Essex has carved a unique niche, focusing exclusively on the brokerage of investment properties valued between \$1 million and \$30 million, with a strong emphasis in multi-family, retail and shopping center sales.

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