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Promising News

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I must say that I am very impressed with President-elect Obama's organization, discipline, transition management, and early critical cabinet appointments. In the midst of one of the most significant financial crises since the 1930's, we need carefully architected and decisive action on a number of fronts, and the early returns on Obama are quite positive. With Citibank on the brink of failure, and needing a second bailout--despite recently trying to acquire Wachovia--it's not a moment too soon that we usher in the new administration and desperately needed stability. I'm optimistic that the tide is going to turn soon. On that note, I'll wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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Job Opportunities

LOCATE-A-JOB

BLACK ROCK

[Real Estate Operations/Compliance Analyst](#)

(FLORHAM PARK, NJ) The analyst will report directly to a director in the real estate operations group and be responsible for contributing to the overall functionality of the group, preparing monthly and annual revenue projections, and status updates.

CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD

[Critical Systems Manager](#)

(FAIRFIELD, CT) The manager is responsible for the development, implementation and compliance of policy and procedures for the maintenance and operational up-time of a mission critical facility's mechanical, electrical, plumbing, life/safety, and energy management systems with a strong focus on critical system programs and operations.

CNSB

[Department Secretary](#)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT

[Realty Program Specialist](#)

(WASHINGTON, DC) The specialist will negotiate, plan, advise and make critical decisions regarding the acquisition and disposal of real estate interests through lease or purchase, along with financial analysis.

SELECTLEADERS

[Real Estate Derivatives Investment Strategist](#)

(NEW YORK CITY) The strategist will gather data and create marketable derivative investment strategies catered to institutional clients, as well as analyze the market and generate trading and research ideas that are driven by catalyst events, breaking news, or the analysis of price movements and trends in the real estate market. Work with sales team and traders to market to clients.

JONES LANG LASALLE

[Senior Occupancy Planner](#)

(METTAWA, IL) The planner will manage the supply,

(LOS ANGELOS, CA) The department secretary will master a variety of specialized clerical/processing functions for the Capital Finance Department.

LANDCO

Asset Manager

(TUCSON, AZ) The manager will ensure compliance with law and other obligations, and approve and enforce a risk management program covering worker and tenant safety, education and training, casualty, employee fidelity, mold and hazardous materials, preventive maintenance, landlord-tenant relations, recreational and common areas, etc.

capacity and demand of a building, campus or region portfolio of space for a specific client at the business unit level.

CB RICHARD ELLIS

Investment Associate

(PRINCETON, NJ) The associate will provide analytical support for senior management in acquisitions, asset management, dispositions and financings.

Promotions

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ACELLA CONSTRUCTION CORP.

(NORWELL, MA) The firm's co-founder David Dirubbo has purchased Acella Construction and assumed the position of the company's president and chief executive officer. Dirubbo co-founded Acella Construction with his partner Robert Johnson in 2003. Johnson recently sold his shares to Dirubbo.

NAI NORRIS, BEGGS & SIMPSON

(PORTLAND, OR) NAI Norris, Beggs & Simpson is promoting VP Jeff Borlaug to director of brokerage.

CB RICHARD ELLIS

(NEW YORK CITY) CB Richard Ellis is promoting Sacha Zarba, brokerage; Doug Lehman and Andrew Sussman, consulting group, and Bill Mooney, global corporate services, to senior vice president from first vice president.

HGA ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

(SAN FRANCISCO) HGA Architects and Engineers is promoting Scott Berry and Demetrios Kanakis, AIA, LEED® AP, to associate.

MARCUS & MILLICHAP

(INDIANAPOLIS) Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services is naming Joshua Caruana regional manager of the Indianapolis office. Caruana was the sales manager of the Indianapolis office.

New Hires

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JONES LANG LASALLE

GRUBB & ELLIS|LAS VEGAS

(ATLANTA) Glenn Aspinwall is joining Jones Lang LaSalle as senior vice president in the firm's agency leasing division. Aspinwall joins Jones Lang LaSalle from Colonial Properties Trust.

LEE & ASSOCIATES-L.A. NORTH/VENTURA INC.

(CALABASAS, CA) Stephen J. Geiger is joining Lee & Associates-LA North/Ventura Inc. as a senior vice president specializing in investment properties.

CB RICHARD ELLIS

(ST. LOUIS) CB Richard Ellis is adding Ted Noel as an associate in the St. Louis office. Prior to joining CBRE, Noel worked for Commercial Realty Advisors in San Diego.

LILLIBRIDGE

(ATLANTA) Lillibridge is hiring Wildes Crumm as development director for its Atlanta office. Crumm comes to Lillibridge from Richmond Medical Partners, where he was director of marketing and leasing.

(LAS VEGAS) Grubb & Ellis|Las Vegas is adding Larry F. Singer as vice president, office group and Michael A. Tabeek, CCIM, as senior advisor, office group.

FIRST CHICAGO BANCORP, FIRST CHICAGO BANK & TRUST

(ITASCA, IL) First Chicago Bancorp and First Chicago Bank & Trust is naming J. Mikesell Thomas president and CEO, and a director of the holding company. He will also hold the position of CEO for the company's subsidiary First Chicago Bank and Trust. Thomas served for over six years as a partner of investment bank Lazard Freres and Co., and until April of this year was president and CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.

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