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GVA Kidder Mathews' Chairman & CEO Jeffrey Lyon Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 Award Finalist in the Pacific Northwest

SEATTLE, WA (May 14, 2009) – GVA Kidder Mathews today announced that its Chairman and CEO, Jeffrey Lyon, is a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2009 Award in the Pacific Northwest. According to Ernst & Young LLP, the awards program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate extraordinary success in the areas of innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their businesses and communities. Lyon was selected as a finalist from nearly 65 nominations by a panel of independent judges. Award recipients will be announced at a special gala event on June 26, 2009 at the Seattle Sheraton.

The Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards program celebrates its 23rd anniversary this year. The program has expanded to recognize business leaders in over 135 cities in 50 countries throughout the world.

Regional award recipients are eligible for consideration for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur Of The Year national program. Award recipients in several national categories, as well as the overall national Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year award recipient, will be announced at the annual awards gala in Palm Springs, California on November 14, 2009. The awards are the culminating event of the Ernst & Young Strategic Growth Forum, the nation's most prestigious gathering of high-growth, market-leading companies.

About GVA Kidder Mathews

GVA Kidder Mathews is one of the largest full-service independent commercial real estate firms on the West Coast with over 400 professionals and staff in 9 offices in Washington, Oregon and California. The Seattle-based provides brokerage, consulting, property management, appraisal, construction management, and sustainability consulting services. They perform over \$2.2 billion in transactions, manage nearly 23 million square feet of space, and conduct 900 appraisals annually

About Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Awards Program

Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award is the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs. The award makes a difference through the way it encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement. As the first and only truly global award of its kind, the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® award celebrates those who are building and leading successful, growing and dynamic businesses, recognizing them through regional, national and global awards programs in more than 135 cities in 50 countries.

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