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CARL R. OLSON, JR. AWARDED CCIM DESIGNATION

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, April 18, 2005 – *Carl R. Olson, Jr., CCIM, Vice President, Olson Properties, Inc.*, has been awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute. The designation was awarded during the Institute meetings April, 2005 in Chantilly, Virginia.

The CCIM designation is awarded to commercial real estate professionals upon completion of a graduate-level curriculum and attainment of a level of qualifying experience. The curriculum addresses: financial analysis, market analysis, user decision analysis and investment analysis – the cornerstones of commercial investment real estate. CCIMs are recognized experts in commercial real estate brokerage, leasing, asset management, valuation, and investment analysis.

CCIMs have access to unparalleled level of valuable online tools, including the Site To Do Business, a suite of mapping, demographic and other analytical resources. And, all CCIMs can market properties for sale or lease through CCIMNet, a leading national commercial property exchange.

The CCIM business network encompasses 1,000 markets throughout North America, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. Of the estimated 125,000 commercial real estate practitioners in North America, 7,500 currently hold the CCIM designation. An additional 7,500 professionals are pursuing the designation as Institute candidates. The Chicago-based CCIM Institute is an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors® and is the governing body of the largest commercial real estate network in the world.

Olson specializes in commercial real estate brokerage in San Antonio and surrounding areas. He was recently elected as an Accredited Land Consultant (ALC) member of the REALTORS® Land Institute (RLI). Prior to joining Olson Properties, Inc., Olson was an analyst at New York City based Greenhill & Co., an investment banking firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions, advisory services, and private equity investments.

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