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**LOCAL GROUP BUILDING INTEREST IN
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE CAREERS**

AUSTIN, Texas — On Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Frost Bank Tower, some local Girl Scouts will get a first-hand look at careers in commercial real estate.

The event will be hosted by CREW Austin, Inc., an organization dedicated to the advancement of women in commercial real estate, in partnership with the Girl Scouts Lone Star Council. With more than 100 members, CREW will teach high-school age Girl Scouts about careers in all aspects of commercial real estate and related careers.

“By making young girls aware of the possibilities for careers in commercial real estate, you increase diversity within the industry and, more importantly, can make a real difference in these girls’ lives,” said Angelique Benschneider, principal of development for Bourn Companies and an event co-chair.

The Girl Scouts will tour downtown Austin properties, including the Seaholm Power Plant. After the tour, participants will develop their own designs of Seaholm. The designs will be judged at 1:30 pm, followed by a presentation by the Seaholm developer, John Rosato of Southwest Strategies Group.

Judges include Jeanne Claire Van Ryzen of the *Austin American Statesman*, Adam Hauser of Brown McCarroll, LLP, Jane Smith, CREW Network President Elect for 2008 and Partner with Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, and Amy Hadley of News 8 Austin.

“We are very excited; this program gives young women insight into what is often unexplored territory for this age and gender,” said Jennifer Sherrill, Counsel, Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP and an event co chair.

The event is sponsored by Brown McCarroll, LLP; Holland & Knight LLP; McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.; NAIOP; Perkins Coie; and The Goodman Foundation.

CREW Austin, Inc., part of the CREW Network, is Austin is the region's premier business organization dedicated to the advancement of women in commercial real estate. Members of CREW Austin, Inc. represent almost every discipline within the industry and have connections in 65 major markets across North America.