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Avison Young grows Boston-region presence; Jack Kerrigan and Steve Cook join Avison Young as Principals

Leading real estate brokers Kerrigan, Cook, Mark Coelho and Anne Flanagan join Avison Young to expand service platform in New England market

TORONTO, Aug. 2, 2011 /PRNewswire/ - **Mark E. Rose**, Chair and CEO of **Avison Young**, Canada's largest independently-owned commercial real estate services company, announced today that industry veterans **Jack Kerrigan** and **Steve Cook** have joined Avison Young as Principals.

Effective immediately, Kerrigan and Cook join Avison Young's New England operations to grow the company's brokerage business and further expand the company's presence in the New England market. Team members **Mark Coelho** (Vice-President) and **Anne Flanagan** (senior account manager) also join Avison Young. Coelho will work with landlords and tenants in the suburban Boston market while Flanagan will be responsible for managing client accounts. All four were most recently with Grubb & Ellis in Boston.

"We are pleased to have Jack, Steve, Mark and Anne join the Avison Young organization. Boston is one of the key commercial markets in the U.S., and the addition of this team marks a key step in furthering our strategy for growth both in Boston and throughout the New England market," comments Rose. "These appointments facilitate our ongoing commitment to provide the broadest and most comprehensive range of real estate services to our local and national clients. Given their industry experience and outstanding reputations, Jack, Steve and their team will complement our existing and rapidly-growing Boston-based business."

Over the past two and a half years, Avison Young has grown from 11 to 24 offices and from 300 to more than 750 real estate professionals across Canada and in the U.S.

"We are thrilled to have Jack and Steve join us in Boston. They have a terrific track record of success in the market and are highly respected in the business community," adds **Earl Webb**, Avison Young's President, U.S. Operations. "Steve, Jack and their team will be instrumental in gathering new clients and pursuing added business lines and growth opportunities in the New England market. We are excited to have them join us at this critical time in our growth in Boston and throughout the Northeast."

Today's announcement comes on the heels of Avison Young acquiring Virginia-based **Millennium Realty Advisors, LLC** and opening a new office in Dallas, Texas last month.

"The addition of Jack and Steve is another important step to developing the Avison Young brand and platform in New England. They will be joined by other leading industry

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