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### HDR SIGNS AT UBS PLAZA

**Maple Grove, MN – Wednesday, April 09, 2008**– HDR, an international architectural/engineering/consulting firm with over 6,800 employees, signed a 12,373-square-foot lease at UBS Plaza in downtown St. Paul. The St. Paul office, HDR|Jordan Architects, will fully occupy the 19<sup>th</sup> floor at UBS Plaza and plans to move into its new space in May.

According to Jim Jordan, AIA, Senior Vice President at HDR, the relocation was prompted by a need for additional space to accommodate a growing staff and an expanding business as the firm works to diversify and strengthen its national presence in the upper Midwest.

Jordan adds, “UBS Plaza presented Class A amenities and a higher profile in a more centralized location for our employees and clients.” HDR currently has over twenty employees in its St. Paul office and expects to grow to 55 or more by 2010.

HDR was represented by John Mueller of Staubach in the transaction. Tom Stella and Eric King of United Properties represented Hempel.

**About HDR:** HDR is an internationally-recognized design firm leader. Its award-winning portfolio includes projects in the healthcare, community, science/technology and civic markets. HDR is an employee-owned architectural/engineering/consulting firm that helps clients manage complex projects and make sound decisions. It is headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska and has more than 150 locations worldwide. [www.hdrinc.com](http://www.hdrinc.com)

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