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James S. Welch, Jr. Appointed to Louisville Regional Airport Authority Board

Louisville, KY (June 4, 2009)—James S. Welch, Jr. recently was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Louisville Regional Airport Authority by Mayor Jerry Abramson.

Jim Welch is Vice Chairman of Brown-Forman Corporation, and has global responsibility for corporate strategy, human resources, corporate affairs and diversity. In March 2007, he was appointed to Brown-Forman's board of directors.

Before joining Brown-Forman, Welch was co-founder and vice president of operations for Source Air Corporation – a start-up aviation venture in Charlottesville, Virginia.

He currently is Chairman of Louisville's Downtown Development Corporation and on the boards of Leadership Louisville and The Fund for the Arts. He is a former chair of the Nature Conservancy - Kentucky Chapter, former president of River Fields Inc., and a former trustee of Bernheim Forest and Research Arboretum.

In addition, he is an instrument-rated private pilot with more than 1,000 hours of flight time and a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Welch earned a bachelor's degree in economics, graduating cum laude from Princeton University in 1981.

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