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## **CIA Developers Accepting Applications for Gary R. Cunningham Entrepreneurial Award**

***Award will offer \$10,000 in free rent to Brevard's top Entrepreneur***

**MELBOURNE, Fla., February 20, 2009** – In early January, CIA Developers announced plans for an annual award of \$10,000 in free rent to the area's top entrepreneur. The "Gary R. Cunningham Entrepreneurial Award," named in honor of the late Gary R. Cunningham, founder of CIA Developers, aims to reward an entrepreneur who best demonstrates the ability to develop and manage a startup company.

"We've been encouraged by the community's response," says Rick Kendust, Marketing and Leasing Coordinator for CIA Developers. "This is a great opportunity for a startup company and a way for CIA Developers to invest in the future of Brevard."

The deadline for applications is March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009. All of the submitted business plans are to be reviewed by a panel of seven (7) local business leaders who will narrow the list to no more than five (5) finalists. Finalists will then present their business plan to the panel and participate in an in-depth Q&A session. The recipient of the award will be announced in early May.

Gary R. Cunningham, a developer of speculative industrial real estate for lease, founded CIA Developers in 1981. His first project was Melbourne Business Park, a 123,000 square foot industrial park for lease and the first of its kind on John Rodes Blvd.

For more information, including a biography of Gary R. Cunningham, please contact Rick Kendust, Marketing and Leasing Coordinator, at (321) 723-3400.

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