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**FIRSTSERVICE FURTHER EXPANDS MARKET LEADING
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

Adds Vancouver Condominium Services, Ltd. and Abbott Enterprises, Inc.

TORONTO, Ontario, April 18, 2011 - FirstService Corporation (NASDAQ: FSRV; TSX: FSV and FSV.PR.U) today announced it has expanded its market leading North American residential property management business with the acquisitions of Vancouver Condominium Services Ltd., based in Vancouver, British Columbia and Abbott Enterprises Inc., based in Charlotte, North Carolina. The acquisitions add a total of 30,000 units to FirstService's portfolio that includes over 4,800 properties comprising 1.2 million residential units. Terms of the two transactions were not disclosed.

“Expanding our presence in Canada continues to be a strategic priority for us. The acquisition of Vancouver Condominium, with its stellar reputation as one of Vancouver’s premier property management firms, fits well within our Canadian growth plans” said Gene Gomberg, CEO of FirstService Residential. “This acquisition solidifies our position as the market leader in the Province of British Columbia. We look forward to working with Gerry Fanaken, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, and his entire management team to add value to Vancouver Condominium’s high quality roster of clients.”

Concurrently, FirstService also acquired an 80% interest in Abbott Enterprises, one of the oldest and most respected residential property management firms in North and South Carolina. Dennis Abbott, Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Abbott Enterprises, will retain the balance of the equity and will continue to manage day-to-day operations. “Dennis is well known in the industry and is a leader at the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”), the leading national organization of community association management companies.” said Gene Gomberg. “Abbott Enterprises has an excellent reputation in The Carolinas and we look forward to working with Dennis and his capable management team to enhance the value proposition to clients in this region of the country.”

ABOUT FIRSTSERVICE

FirstService Corporation is a global diversified leader in the rapidly growing real estate services sector, providing services in commercial real estate, residential property management and property services. Industry-leading service platform includes Colliers International, the third largest global player in commercial real estate services; FirstService Residential Management, the largest manager of residential communities in North America; and TFC, North America’s largest provider of property services through franchise and contractor networks.

FirstService generates US\$2 billion in annualized revenues and has more than 20,000 employees worldwide. More information about FirstService is available at www.firstservice.com.

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