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WESTERN NATIONAL BANK NAMED ONE OF THE 2008 “BEST PLACES TO WORK” BY PHOENIX BUSINESS JOURNAL

Western National Bank, a community bank focused on SBA lending and the small business community in metropolitan Phoenix, has been named one of the 2008 “Best Places to Work” in Arizona by the *Phoenix Business Journal*. This marks the second time in the bank’s three-year history that it has received the honor.

The bank, recognized in a category of less than 50 employees, encourages its staff members to become active in the community. Several serve on various civic and charitable boards, including Junior Achievement of Arizona, the Scottsdale Charros and Jewish Community Foundation, among others.

Western National Bank also emphasizes the strengths of its employees. For example, two Western National Bank lenders were named 2008 bankers of the year by Southwestern Business Financing Corporation (SWBFC) and Business Development Finance Corporation (BDFC), respectively.

The bank fosters enthusiasm and teamwork through its Company Spirit Committee, which serves as a springboard for many of Western National Bank’s innovative approaches to community banking.

“The positive environment that we have for our employees carries over to their customer relations,” said Bill Hinz, Western National Bank’s president and chief executive officer. “We take great pride in both.”

Western National Bank has locations at 2525 E. Camelback, Ste. 100, at 24th Street and Camelback in Phoenix; at 16435 N. Scottsdale Road, Ste. 140, at Frank Lloyd Wright and Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale; and at 6500 N. Scottsdale Road, at Lincoln and Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale. The bank’s web address is www.wnbank.com. Along with traditional savings and checking accounts for individuals, Western National Bank specializes in wide array of products and services for small businesses.