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Allen joins Alliance Bank of Arizona as vice president

PHOENIX – Alliance Bank of Arizona President and CEO **Jim Lundy** announced this week that **Taji Allen** has joined the bank as vice president and commercial banking officer at the bank’s Mesa office.

“Our East Valley Commercial Banking group is one of the most talented and experienced teams of bankers in the state,” said Lundy. “The addition of Taji (Allen) to our East Valley team is a tremendous resource for our business clients as she has the experience and a commitment to relationships that really sets Alliance Bank apart from other banks.”

Allen joins Alliance Bank of Arizona with 14 years of commercial banking experience, most recently, with National Bank of Arizona. She is a graduate of the University of California Berkeley and received an MBA in Finance from Arizona State University. Allen has been involved with various community organizations including serving on the Technical Review Panel for the Arizona State Board of Charter Schools the past three years.

Allen is located at the bank’s East Valley Regional Office in Mesa at 1110 E. Baseline Road. The office phone is 480.609.2900.

Founded in 2003, Alliance Bank has quickly become one of the fastest-growing banks in the U.S. with total assets of \$800 million, total deposits of \$657 million and total loans of \$610 million (as of 6/30/08). Alliance Bank is a “super community” commercial bank with local decision-making, focused on Arizona’s business and professional community, along with individuals seeking personalized banking service. Alliance Bank now has 11 offices statewide including Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, Tucson, Flagstaff and Sedona. For more information, visit the Alliance Bank of Arizona web site at alliancebankofarizona.com.

Alliance Bank of Arizona is a subsidiary of Western Alliance Bancorporation, one of the largest regional bank holding companies in the country with more than \$5 billion in assets.