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Alliance Bank announces Mesa office opening

MESA, Ariz. – Alliance Bank of Arizona President and CEO **Jim Lundy** announced the opening of the bank’s first East Valley office in Mesa today.

“We’ve been eagerly anticipating our opening in Mesa and the expansion of our physical presence into the East Valley where we already have many customers,” said Lundy. “Dee (Burton) and his team are experienced bankers who are well respected in the community and know what relationship banking is all about. They know and understand their customers and the businesses that help make the East Valley such a great place to live and work.”

The bank’s new East Valley Regional Office will be led by veteran banker and Mesa resident **Dee Burton**, senior vice president. Burton will manage the bank’s East Valley Commercial Banking team. His staff includes: **Lisa Hudson**, vice president, **Audrey Kobsar**, commercial banking officer, **Cyndy Joseph**, client services manager, **Linda Frazier**, personal banking officer and **Connie Thompson**, branch manager.

Located just west of Stapley at 1110 E. Baseline Road, the Mesa office is the bank’s first East Valley office and the sixth Metro Phoenix location for Alliance Bank. The new 8,000 square foot office is a full-service branch, featuring a drive-thru teller window, drive-thru ATM and night depository. Approximately 15 employees will work out of the new office.

The Mesa office phone number is (480) 609.2900. Office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. As part of its grand opening celebration, Alliance Bank is offering a free business checking account offer and a special rate money market account exclusively at its Mesa office. The bank is also holding a sweepstakes drawing for a 42” plasma screen television at the new office.

Founded in 2003, Alliance Bank has quickly become one of the fastest-growing banks in the nation with total assets of more than \$775 million, total deposits of \$630 million and total loans of \$563 million (as of 9/30/07). Alliance Bank is a “super community” commercial bank with local decision-making, focused on Arizona’s business, professional and real estate development community, along with individuals seeking personalized banking service. 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, which began public trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on June 30, 2005 under the symbol “WAL.” Western Alliance ranks as one of the most rapidly growing bank holding companies in the United States, with assets of \$5 billion and offices in Las Vegas, Reno, San Diego, Oakland, Phoenix, Tucson, Sedona and Flagstaff.