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U.S. Small Business Administration Alaska District Office Names Lender of the Year for 2008

Anchorage – The U.S. Small Business Administration Alaska District Office presented its 2008 lender awards at the Alaska Lenders’ Symposium held in Anchorage on November 6, 2008. **Wells Fargo Bank N.A.** was selected as the **Alaska SBA Lender of the Year** for 2008. This award recognizes the SBA lender that achieves the overall highest number of SBA loan approvals to businesses located in Alaska during the federal fiscal year. Any type of financial institution, located anywhere in the United States, may be considered for this award.

“Wells Fargo is proud to be named Alaska SBA Lender of the Year. We are very pleased that Alaskan small businesses are taking advantage of the great SBA programs that support the growth of their business and the growth of Alaska’s economy. We remain focused on satisfying our small business customers’ financial needs and helping them succeed financially,” said Joe Everhart, Senior Vice President and Alaska Regional Business Banking Manager for Wells Fargo Bank.

With 38 loan approvals during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, totaling \$9,461,800, Wells Fargo Bank has made a significant impact on Alaska’s small businesses.

“Wells Fargo Bank and our other SBA lending partners play vital roles in financing new Alaskan small businesses, and facilitating the expansion of existing businesses,” said Sam Dickey, Alaska SBA deputy district director. “We are proud to recognize Wells Fargo Bank for their success in using SBA’s loan guaranty programs to provide our small business community with access to capital.”

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