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WHITMAN PARTNERS, INC. EXPANDS THEIR BANKING PRACTICE WITHIN COLORADO

Brian Holmes Will Recruit and Place Top Talent in Crucial Leadership Roles

PORTLAND, Ore. – June 18th, 2007 – Whitman Partners, Inc. announced today that with the hiring of Brian Holmes, it will increase its services within the banking community with its specialized, high-level recruiting practices.

Supported by an innovative approach to solving critical recruitment challenges, Whitman Partners, Inc. will expand and cater to placing top talent at the highest levels of banking institutions. The company will deliver search solutions specific to the unique requirements of each client and will recruit top talent for Banking Executives and Owners on both a contingency and retained basis.

“Brian Holmes has a successful track record in the financial services field including inside and outside sales. Coupled with an MBA focused on Finance, his academic and workplace experience matches the values of our firm. I am thrilled to share with him our creative yet systematic methods of search and recruitment so that he can assist, literally double, our efforts in Colorado,” said Josiah Whitman, Founder and Managing Partner of Whitman Partners

In addition to his professional career, Brian has been involved in the community, including serving as Vice President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Board Oregon Alpha Chapter, Vice President of Coburg, OR Lion’s Club, and Coaching Varsity High School Baseball. Brian is a graduate of Oregon State University with a B.S. degree in finance.

About Whitman Partners, Inc.

Whitman Partners, Inc. was founded as an independent high-level search firm dedicated to placing top talent in today's highly competitive financial institutions. Based in Portland, Ore., the company uses a creative, systematic recruiting methodology that relies heavily on personal service and delivers quality results. Founder and Managing Partner, Josiah Whitman was previously a successful recruiter for both Robert Half International and Management Recruiters International, where he was named the 2004 Rookie of the Year. The company has more than eleven years of combined expertise in the recruiting and search industries.

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