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WHITMAN PARTNERS, INC. BEGINS DELIVERING CREATIVE RECRUITMENT SOLUTIONS TO DENVER METRO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TODAY

Executive Search Firm Will Place Top Talent in Crucial Leadership Roles

PORTLAND, Ore. – September 18, 2006 – Whitman Partners, Inc. announced today it will serve the Denver Metro financial services community with its specialized, high-level recruiting practices.

Supported by an innovative approach to solving critical recruitment challenges, Whitman Partners, Inc. will specifically cater to placing top talent at the highest levels of Denver Metro's financial institutions. The company will deliver search solutions specific to the unique requirements of each client and will recruit top talent for commercial banking officers and executives on both a contingency and retained basis.

“Our approach to high-level recruiting creates a competitive environment where clients can choose from a pool of highly talented candidates and candidates are confident in choosing the best employer that fits their unique needs,” said Josiah Whitman, Founder and Director of Client Development of Whitman Partners, Inc. “I am thrilled to share our creative yet systematic recruiting methods with banks in Metro Denver.”

The company has more than eleven years of expertise in high-level recruiting and has proven successful in placing top talent in the roles of Commercial Loan Officers, SBA Business Development Officers, Team Leaders, Credit Analysts, Credit Administrators and Chief Credit Officers.

Whitman will be joined by his partner Joni Kohmetscher, who will assist in all facets of client development, recruiting and operations.

About Whitman Partners, Inc.

Whitman Partners, Inc. is 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 Director of Client Development 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 banking industries.

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