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Columbia Credit Union Hires Steve Okazaki as Vice President Business Lending

Vancouver, WA – Columbia Credit Union Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, Jim Brekke announced today the addition of Steve Okazaki as Vice President of Business Lending at Columbia Credit Union. With 12 years of business banking experience and 25 years of industry experience, Okazaki will focus on developing and maintaining business loan and deposit relationships, and assist in the credit union’s commercial lending operations.

“We’re focused on expanding our business lending efforts,” said Brekke. “Steve’s background and experience make him the ideal candidate to assist in reaching our goals.”

Okazaki holds a bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Portland State University and most recently served as a Business Lending and Business Development Officer for a local financial institution. Active in the community, Okazaki plans memberships with the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce as well as professional networking organizations.

“I look forward to building beneficial relationships with Columbia’s business members,” said Okazaki. “It’s exciting to help businesses move forward and achieve their goals.” A native Oregonian, Okazaki currently resides in Portland with his wife, Linda. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, movies and running.

About Columbia Credit Union: Established in 1952, Columbia Credit Union has \$755 million in assets and 12 Clark County, WA locations. Columbia serves more than 64,000 members with a 2009 satisfaction rating of 95.9 percent - an industry benchmark. Columbia is nationally recognized by PBS and Associates as a “Best Place to Work” and was voted the 2009 “Best Financial Institution” in Clark County. Columbia leads locally-headquartered financial institutions for auto and home loans, and is a top-10 SBA lender in the Portland/Vancouver metro area. Committed to sustainability, Columbia built Clark County’s first financial institution branches to strict LEED standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council. Individuals and businesses in Washington State are eligible for membership. For more information visit www.columbiacu.org.

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