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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## ***Huntington National Bank Named West Virginia's Top SBA Small Business Lender***

**CLARKSBURG, W.VA.** – Judy McCauley, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Office recently announced that Huntington National Bank has been selected as the **Top SBA Lender** in West Virginia for the third consecutive year.

Huntington National Bank, through SBA's guaranteed loan programs, provided funding for 30 small businesses for just over \$4 million. The 30 loans represented nearly 20 percent of the total West Virginia SBA guaranteed loan volume for fiscal year 2009.

Stephanie Ellingson, SBA Product Specialist for Huntington National Bank stated: "Huntington is very proud to be West Virginia's top SBA Lender as SBA lending is an integral part of Huntington's growth strategy. We firmly believe that small businesses are the engine for our economic recovery and future job growth. Our SBA lending numbers in West Virginia are direct results of Huntington's recent \$4 billion small business lending commitment over the next three years. We look forward to increasing our SBA production in West Virginia in 2010."

"We at the West Virginia District Office are proud to recognize Huntington National Bank for their outstanding accomplishments in providing capital to the West Virginia small business community this and the past two years," said McCauley. "We greatly appreciate the support Huntington has demonstrated for West Virginia's entrepreneurs when it is most needed and for using SBA's guaranty loan program."

Selected as West Virginia's Community Bank of the Year for 2010 was Wheeling-based Main Street Bank. Both Huntington National Bank and Main Street Bank and their respective representatives will be recognized at the 2010 Small Business Lending Conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

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