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Dave Potter Named Minority Small Business Champion of the Year 2009

Riverton – Dave Potter is Community Bank, President, Wells Fargo Bank. Dave has been selected as the Minority Small Business Champion of the Year 2009 by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The award will be presented to Dave by Steven Despain, District Director, of the Wyoming Small Business Administration on April 7, 2009 at the 9th Annual Wind River Business Conference to be held at the Central Wyoming College Robert Peck Art Center. Dave was nominated by Lisa Wagner, Director, Wind River Development Fund.

Each year since 1983, the President designates one week for recognition and celebration of the accomplishments of minority entrepreneurs. The award selection includes evaluation of growth in sales, profits, and employees; participation in community and charitable affairs; overcoming adversities; uniqueness and special attributes of the business; and the use of other minority firms as suppliers or subcontractors.

Dave believes that a strong, healthy community is a critical component to increasing opportunities for minority small business owners. He provided strong support to the development of the new tribally-created Community Health Center. Under Dave's lead, Wells Fargo offered a line of credit to help the new CHC renovate its offices. In the first year of operations the new CHC more than doubled the expected number of patients served from initial projections. He has also worked hard in his volunteer efforts to improve community conditions. He and his staff have donated time to help build several Habitat for Humanity homes. In his work on the Rotary Foundation Board, Dave has helped develop local parks to make the community a better place for families to live, and as Chairman of the Riverton Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, Dave works hard to ensure ALL members of the community receive high quality medical services. Dave Potter has worked hard to advance minority small business interests in the community – particularly on the Wind River Indian Reservation – both in his capacity as President of the Riverton Branch of Wells Fargo and through his volunteer activities.

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