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Affiliated Mortgage Selected as Lenders One Newest Preferred Investor *National mortgage cooperative expands correspondent services available to members*

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25, 2009 – [Lenders One Mortgage Cooperative](#), a national alliance of mortgage bankers, announced that Affiliated Mortgage Company (AMC) has become the cooperative's newest preferred investor. AMC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Benchmark Bank of Dallas and Plano, Texas, focuses on correspondent lending and purchasing agency-quality whole loans servicing released from a group of lenders nationwide.

Through this relationship, the members of Lenders One will have access to special terms provided by AMC, while Affiliated will have special marketing and promotional opportunities to generate business from the members.

"Affiliated Mortgage Company has a strong commitment to correspondent lending, and they also have a strong commitment to providing the type of customer service that is necessary to make a correspondent lending channel successful," [Scott Stern](#), Lenders One CEO, explained. "Many of their employees have more than 25 years of correspondent lending experience, which shows they have what it takes to develop long-lasting, profitable relationships with its investors and lenders.

"With [investor partners](#) such as Affiliated Mortgage, we can continue to give our members access to programs, products and pricing that will allow them to remain competitive in their markets."

Affiliated Mortgage provides its customers access to senior management in all areas of operation, including, secondary marketing, registration, underwriting and funding. This access enables Lenders One members the opportunity to communicate directly with any department for a timely, accurate response to their questions.

“With the changes our industry has gone through during the last two years, it is even more important now to know with whom you are doing business,” said Dan Hastings, president of AMC. “Partnering with Lenders One is a way to work with well-recognized, experienced mortgage bankers located throughout the U.S. Its members have a reputation in the industry that is second to none in terms of producing quality loans, which is the type of relationship that we pride ourselves in building.”

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About Lenders One Mortgage Cooperative

Lenders One is a national alliance of mortgage bankers which was established in 2000 and is based in St. Louis. With more than 125 members originating \$40 billion in mortgage loans annually, the Lenders One alliance ranks as the ninth largest mortgage originator in the U.S. Lenders One leverages its aggregate buying power and preferred-investor relationships to negotiate better lending terms and provide premium business services at reduced costs. Its mortgage productivity system additionally allows members to close more loans, satisfy continuing education requirements and market themselves more powerfully. For more information about membership, contact Tim Stern 866.728.5678 or visit www.lendersone.com.

About Affiliated Mortgage Company

Affiliated Mortgage Company (AMC) is based in West Monroe, La., and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Benchmark Bank of Dallas and Plano, Texas. The management team at Affiliated Mortgage has over 200 years combined experience in the purchase of agency quality whole loans servicing released from a nationwide network of mortgage lenders through a correspondent purchase channel. Among AMC’s clients are banks, savings banks, mortgage banking corporations and credit unions.

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