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Freburg Joins Webster Bank's Business and Professional Banking Unit

WATERBURY, Conn., January 15, 2013 – Webster Bank, a leading regional bank serving businesses and consumers from Westchester County, N.Y. to Boston, Mass., announced today that Maria Freburg, VP, market manager in Westchester County, N.Y./Lower Fairfield County, Conn., will join Webster's Business and Professional Banking team in the Westchester market effective February 1.

"Maria will leverage her expansive network and community connections to help small businesses grow," said Frank Celentano, SVP, Business and Professional Banking. "For almost three years, Maria has been instrumental in leading the Westchester/Lower Fairfield team, building the Webster brand and making inroads in this high opportunity marketplace."

Webster's business bankers undergo 100-hours of intensive training in business banking and are now certified to assist small businesses with their unique needs. Webster calls this its 4-Star Certification Program – rigorous class work, field training, and successful completion of an examination based on Moody's Analytics coursework. Webster is a leader in the marketplace in giving this kind of comprehensive expertise and skill-set to help small businesses grow.

Customers will find seasoned and knowledgeable small-business certified staff wherever they interact with Webster. So no matter if the transaction or question is in person, online, or on the phone, business customers can expect the same high level service and expertise tailored to individual company needs. Webster Certified Business Bankers immersed themselves in an internationally respected standard of excellence training program customized for Webster. It blends these skills with Webster's signature *Type W Personality* and superior customer service.

Webster Certified Business Bankers understand:

- Small business by industry, including specialty businesses such as healthcare providers, lawyers, homeowner and membership associations, and real estate investors;
- Finance and accounting principles, cash management, lending, SBA programs.

Webster Certified Business Bankers provide:

- Full array of cash management services to manage critical cash flow needs;
- Willingness and judgment to lend capital to businesses; a full range of lending services; and the expertise to help match the right business with the right solution no matter the economic climate;
- Complete business checking without transaction limits.

About Webster

Webster Financial Corporation is the holding company for Webster Bank, N.A. With \$20 billion in assets, Webster provides business and consumer banking, mortgages, financial planning, trust and investment services through 167 banking offices; 464 ATMs (290 of which are owned by Webster and 174 of which are branded); telephone banking; mobile banking; and the Internet. Webster Bank owns the asset based lending firm Webster Business Credit Corporation; the equipment finance firm Webster Capital Finance Corporation; and provides health savings account trustee and administrative services through HSA Bank, a division of Webster Bank. Member FDIC and equal housing lender. For more information about Webster, including past press releases and the latest annual report, visit the Webster website at www.websterbank.com or follow us on LinkedIn <http://linkedin.com/company/webster-bank> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/WebsterBank>.