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Webster Bank Wins “Best Bank” by *Waterbury Observer*

WATERBURY, Conn., July 19, 2013 – Webster Bank, a leading regional bank based in Waterbury, Conn., and serving businesses and consumers from Westchester County, N.Y. to Boston, Mass., has earned the “Best Bank” award from *The Waterbury Observer*. This is the 19th time that Webster has earned this distinction.

“We are honored to once again be recognized by the readers of *The Waterbury Observer*,” said Rick O’Brien, regional president at Webster Bank. “These awards are based on readers’ opinions and are a reflection of Webster’s strong commitment to the community where we were founded. The father of Jim Smith, our chairman and CEO, wanted to help families buy and build homes during that difficult time in our nation’s history and almost 80 years later, we have never forgotten those roots or the importance of providing an exceptional customer experience. Relationships are the foundation of who we are and what we at Webster represent as a regional bank, so we truly value being recognized in our hometown.”

The award was featured in the paper’s July 18th edition which is on newsstands now.



About Webster Bank

Webster Bank, N.A., is a subsidiary of Webster Financial Corporation (NYSE: WBS.) With \$20 billion in assets, Webster Bank provides business and consumer banking, mortgages, financial planning, trust and investment services through 168 banking offices; 296 ATMs; 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>.