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AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK EXPANDS SBA LOAN PROGRAM

New Division Focuses on SBA Lending, Offers Expedited Processing

DENVER, CO – American National Bank today announced that it is expanding its Small Business Administration (SBA) loan program at all Colorado locations.

Through a newly formed division, called Sturm Financial Small Business Credit, American National Bank increases its SBA loan offerings and expertise, enabling it to provide more options for small businesses in communities throughout the state. The bank's SBA Division has been awarded the "SBA Preferred Lender" status by the Small Business Administration. This status allows the bank to expedite the decision-making process on their SBA Loans. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and communities," Bill Berenz, Regional President of American National Bank in Colorado Springs. "We are excited about the opportunity of bringing enhanced SBA Loan options and assistance to small businesses, in our community. With the SBA Preferred Lender status as part of our banking family, American National Bank can expedite the process, giving businesses the answers and financing they need sooner."

Under the new division, the bank offers SBA 7(a), Express and Patriot Express Loans to qualified businesses. 7(a) Loans, up to amounts of \$2 million per loan, offer longer terms and more flexibility than conventional lending. Express and Patriot Express Loans, from \$25,000 to \$350,000 also have flexible repayment options and longer terms, with less paperwork. The new division will also offer SBA 504 Loans for real estate and equipment purchases. SBA 504 Loans offer long-term fixed rate options with minimal equity injection requirements.

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