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Wilmington Trust to Participate in the First State Saves Program *New program developed to encourage and educate Delawareans about saving*

Wilmington, DE, February 20, 2008 – Wilmington Trust, the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware, announces its participation in First State Saves, a program designed to encourage and educate the public about the fundamentals of saving.

Wilmington Trust is one of ten financial institutions offering no- or low-fee accounts and products through the First State Saves program. Wilmington Trust will offer its Instant Access Savings and its Regular Money Market account to First State Saves participants. The accounts feature no monthly service fees for the first year, competitive interest rates, free On-Line Banking, unlimited withdrawals at any Wilmington Trust ATM or branch office, and up to six transfers and/or withdrawals per monthly statement cycle.

“The First State Saves program is a great way for people to start making progress on their savings goals,” said Rebecca DePorte, senior vice president of Personal Financial Services at Wilmington Trust. “Whether someone wants to fund education expenses, pay off credit card bills, or just put away money for the unexpected, savings are critical. Wilmington Trust is committed to educating and empowering the individuals and families we serve and we are delighted to be part of First State Saves.”

First State Saves is part of America Saves, a national organization comprised of nonprofit, corporate, and government groups aimed at helping individuals and families save, build wealth, and pay down debt. Interested individuals and families can find more information and sign up for the program at www.firststatesaves.org.

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory Services for high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client Services for institutional clients in 86 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, and Luxembourg. For more information, visit www.wilmingtontrust.com.

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