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***Wilmington Trust to Participate in LIFT Program  
Program helps Delaware small businesses access capital***

Wilmington, DE, July 29, 2009 – Wilmington Trust, Delaware’s leading retail and commercial bank, announced today its participation in Delaware Governor Jack A. Markell’s Limited Investment for Financial Traction (LIFT) program. Through the program, eligible Delaware small businesses with good credit standing can reduce their monthly interest rates on existing lines of credit up to 5%.

“Reducing the cost of credit will help Delaware’s small businesses maintain employment and expand their operations,” said Robert V.A. Harra Jr., president and chief operating officer of Wilmington Trust. “We are extremely pleased to work with the Governor to make this program easily accessible throughout the state.”

LIFT, which was announced by Governor Markell and the Delaware Economic Development Office (DED0) on April 20, 2009, aims to revitalize small businesses by providing working capital support and reducing businesses’ operating costs in an attempt to help them maintain employment. DED0 anticipates the program, with direct support from the state not to exceed \$5 million, will subsidize approximately \$50 million in credit for up to 500 Delaware small businesses.

“I am delighted Wilmington Trust is joining LIFT,” said Governor Markell. “This program provides small businesses needed capital to help them survive the national economic downturn and it preserves jobs. The only way we are going to successfully address the challenges facing us is to create jobs. That’s why my administration is working hard every day to get our economy moving again.”

As part of the LIFT program, small businesses can borrow up to \$25,000 interest free from the State of Delaware during a two-year period (\$12,500 per year or \$1,041.67 per month) to offset existing interest payment obligations. The State of Delaware sends monthly loan payments to participating banks and, at month 25, business owners begin repaying the loan over five years. To qualify, small businesses must be in operation for at least three years, employ from three to 50 staff members, and have a line of credit equal to or less than \$250,000. Business owners must also provide personal guarantees for the state's LIFT loan.

“The Small Business LIFT program reaffirms Governor Markell’s commitment to Delaware businesses,” said Alan Levin, director of DEDO. “We are pleased that Wilmington Trust is participating in the LIFT program. Their involvement demonstrates Wilmington Trust’s continued commitment to their clients and to growing Delaware small businesses.”

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 88 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 Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam.

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