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UB Community Development, LLC Announces Creation of New \$7 Million Loan Fund to Spark Small Business Growth and Economic Development

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Atmore, AL- UB Community Development, LLC (UBCD) President, Alex Jones, announced today the creation of a new \$7 million New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) loan pool following the company's successful funding of its previous \$9M NMTC loan pool. The new \$7M NMTC loan pool is designed to encourage small business growth and economic development across Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. UBCD partnered with community development partner, United Bank, to create the loan pool. United Bank is responsible for the fund of \$7M while UBCD is responsible for structuring the loan pool and is currently seeking new eligible projects to fund under the \$7M allocation.

"Ensuing access to capital is essential to sustaining and growing small business across our markets," Jones said. "The creation of this loan pool provides the benefit of tax credit funding to small business that would typically not pursue such loans based on the size of their projects and associated transactional costs."

The loan pool is designed to assist companies with growth, expansion or improvement of operating cash flow. Loan size will range from \$100,000 to no more than \$2,000,000. Using capital created from the sale of New Market Tax Credits, borrowers receive up to 25 percent of their funds at zero interest as an economic development incentive. Because of the complexity and expense, transactions involving New Market Tax Credits are often not available for projects less than \$5 million. The creation of the loan pool gives UBCD the advantage of making smaller loans without additional costs.

As a hometown bank committed to economic and community development, the creation of today's loan pool is significant to the stabilization and future expansion of small businesses in United Bank's service area and beyond. It was made possible because of the Bank's designation as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and certified Community Development Entity (CDE) with a mission to bring economic viability to rural and low-to-moderate income areas. Since earning the CDFI designation in 2010, United Bank's team has focused on creating products and services that positively impact consumers and small business. United Bank has been recognized by the FDIC for its work in these areas.

For more information about United Bank, please contact Tonya Lambert, Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations, at (251) 446-6004 or email tonya.lambert@unitedbank.com. For more information about UB Community Development and information on eligible projects for funding, please contact Alex Jones, President, at (251) 446-6017 or email alex.jones@ubcommunitydevelopment.com.

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About United Bank

United Bank is a \$597,000,000 financial institution that has enjoyed 114 years of service. United Bank has offices in Atmore, Brewton, Flomaton, Monroeville, Frisco City, Greensboro, Bay Minette, Foley, Lillian, Loxley, Magnolia Springs, Silverhill, Spanish Fort and Summerdale in Alabama. United Bank serves Santa Rosa County, Florida in Jay, Milton and Pace. For more information about United Bank, please visit our website at www.unitedbank.com. Member FDIC.

About UB Community Development

UB Community Development's strong history as an experienced leverage lender in New Market Tax Credit transactions, coupled with our passion for improving the communities around us, make UBCD Alabama's premier financial partner for rural economic and community development. Through our NMTC projects and Community Facilities Loan Program, UBCD is working with community development partners in the fields of healthcare, education, manufacturing public works and more. For more information about UB Community Development, visit our website at www.ubcommunitydevelopment.com