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LORENZEN ELECTED TO CFA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

West Des Moines, Iowa - Jeff Lorenzen, CFA, President and Chief Investment Officer, WB Capital Management Inc., has been elected to the CFA Institute Board of Governors.

“This is quite an honor and great recognition for Jeff, and for our firm, to represent us at the CFA Institute,” said Scott Eltjes, CFA, CEO of WB Capital.

The CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute’s mission is to lead investment professionals globally by setting the highest standards of ethics, education and professional excellence. The Board of Governors is the highest governing authority of the CFA Institute. It’s made up of 20 individuals who represent a cross-section of the CFA Institute membership. Governors are nominated and elected by the CFA Institute membership for a three year term.

Lorenzen earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 1993 and has been active in both the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Iowa. He is a past CFA examiner and Council of Examiners team leader.

ABOUT WEST BANCORPORATION

West Bancorporation, Inc. is headquartered in West Des Moines, Iowa. Serving clients since 1893, West Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of West Bancorporation, Inc., is a community bank that focuses on lending, deposit services and trust services for consumers and small to medium sized businesses. The Bank provides full-service banking to businesses and consumers, as well as correspondent services to banking organizations primarily located in Iowa. It conducts business in metropolitan Des Moines, Iowa City and Coralville, Iowa. WB Capital Management Inc. is located in West Des Moines and provides portfolio management services to high net worth individuals, insurance companies, foundations and endowments, public agencies, retirement plan sponsors, banks and bank trust departments, and institutional financial consultants. West Bancorporation common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “WTBA.” Further information about West Bancorporation can be found at www.westbankiowa.com.