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BUSINESS LENDERS BEGINS GROWTH SPIRT WITH NEW HQ

HARTFORD, Conn. – Business Lenders, one of the nation's fastest growing non-bank Small Business Administration (SBA) lenders, has moved its headquarters to 50 State House Square in downtown Hartford.

"We're very excited about our new location in the heart of Hartford. We felt strongly about supporting the city. Plus, now all our Connecticut staff are on one floor," said Penn Ritter, co-founder, president and CEO. "We expect to double our Connecticut workforce within two years -- now we have the room."

Financed by Merrill Lynch, one of the world's leading financial services companies, Business Lenders offers SBA loans to small businesses Nationwide. It has offices in Columbus, Ohio; Tampa and Panama City, Fl.; Chicago, Ill.; Irvine, Calif.; and Mt. Arlington, NJ.

"Our goal is to make sound credit decisions and then deliver prompt closings for our customers and brokers," stated Chief Credit Officer Paul Falvey.

In addition to entrepreneurs and other small businesses, Business Lenders also finances medical practice acquisitions such as medical doctors' offices, dental offices and veterinarian offices, hotels and assisted living facilities—traditionally underserved markets, and businesses that want to purchase or renovate commercial real estate.

The SBA recently granted Business Lenders National Preferred Lender Program (PLP) enabling it to close loans faster in all 50 states. Founded in 1994, Business Lenders has closed almost \$500 million small business loans in 46 states. Loans are serviced from its Hartford office.

About Business Lenders LLC

Business Lenders LLC is a leading non-bank "National Preferred" lender based in Hartford, Conn. with offices in Boston, Chicago, California, New Jersey, Florida and Ohio Business Lenders offers small- to mid-sized companies loans from \$250,000 to \$5 million for real estate, franchising, equipment purchases, growth and expansion, acquisitions and cash-flow improvements. Business Lenders can make loans anywhere in the United States. Call toll-free at 877.345.6267 or visit its web site at www.businesslenders.com.

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