

Wings Financial Names Anthony Alesci Business Development Manager

APPLE VALLEY, Minn. – (Sep. 9, 2009) – Wings Financial Credit Union, one of the largest credit unions in the United States, announced today that it has named Anthony Alesci to the new position of manager of business development. Based in New York, Alesci is responsible for the credit union’s activities to increase its membership base throughout the northeastern region of the United States and particularly within the aviation community centered around New York’s JFK International Airport.

“Anthony has been a part of the aviation industry for nearly two decades and has been a part of the JFK community for most of that time,” said Terri Traudt, director of business development. “Because of that, he understands the needs of aviation professionals and the kind of financial services partner they need to complement their on-the-go lives. Anthony also knows the unique JFK environment, a 4,500 acre workplace for more than 35,000 people who help transport more than 47,000,000 passengers and 3.4 billion pounds of cargo every year. We’re delighted that he’s joined the Wings Financial team.”

“Wings Financial is well-known across the aviation industry and I’m very proud to be a part of their efforts to attract new members,” said Alesci. “Wings Financial has a well-deserved reputation for great rates and great service and I’m excited to help find new ways to tell aviation professionals about the benefits of becoming a Wings Financial member.” Alesci assumed his duties at the end of August and reports to Traudt.

Prior to joining Wings Financial, Alesci was district sales manager for Northwest Airlines where he managed the company’s largest sales district in the eastern region of the United States. He also served as the Americas director of market development, marketing and sales for All Nippon Airways and held a variety of positions at America West Airlines.

Alesci is a graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook and has an MBA from Hofstra University.

About Wings Financial

Wings Financial Credit Union, headquartered in Apple Valley, is the largest credit union in Minnesota and a member-owned, full-service financial institution. With more than \$2.2 billion in assets and 120,000 members worldwide, Wings Financial is among the country's largest credit unions.

In 2003, Wings Financial became the first credit union to be dedicated solely to those working within the air transportation industry in the United States and in 2009 obtained a state charter allowing it to serve residents of the 13-county Twin Cities metropolitan area. Wings Financial provides financial services to the employees of more than 35 airlines, numerous aviation vendors and every government agency that touches the air transportation industry.

Wings Financial operates 19 branch offices around the country and an ATM network that offers over 55,000 surcharge-free ATMs coast to coast.