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News Advisory

One of Chicago's biggest mortgage bankers signs agreement with Equities First Holdings in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, IN – Equities First Holdings, LLC, has formed a strategic alliance with Chicago Bancorp, Inc., one of Chicagoland's preeminent mortgage companies, to provide securities-based lending services to its clients seeking new or refinanced home loans.

Equities First Holdings has made several hundred loans, many involving multi-million dollar transactions, and currently manages tens of millions in investment assets worldwide. Chicago Bancorp is a \$1 billion privately held national mortgage banker headquartered in Chicago, with branch offices in California, Florida, Arizona, Texas and Wisconsin. Chicago Bancorp can offer loans in all but four states. www.chicagobancorp.com

Equities First founder, financial entrepreneur Al Christy, Jr., states, "In today's tumultuous lending atmosphere, mortgage banks are more cautious and asking more of borrowers. Chicago Bancorp found our services an ideal offering for its clients, as it provides access to prompt funding, immediate liquidity or access to cash for a down payment, then allows them to regain all of their stock shares, bonds or options at the end of the loan."

The alliance agreement states that Chicago Bancorp will recommend Equities First Holdings to clients in need of immediate cash in order to qualify for mortgage, refinancing or home equity loans.

Equities First Holdings, LLC, is a full-service, private, nonpurpose lender that specializes in securities-based loans to investors in need of prompt funding. Equities First Holdings provides terms based on its evaluation of the risk and future performance associated with the stocks, bonds or U.S. Treasuries to be pledged as collateral to maximize and maintain complete, yet proprietary, flexibility of the equity-loan process.

Equities First Holdings has executed successful securities-based lending transactions involving the American Stock Exchange, NASDAQ National Stock Market, NASDAQ Small Cap Stock Market, New York Stock Exchange, Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board and several foreign exchanges.