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“The Bank You’ve Been Waiting For” Opens Doors in Omaha
United Republic Bank is the first independent community bank to be organized and chartered in Omaha since 1991.

(Omaha, NE) – Mike Pate, President and CEO of United Republic Bank, today announced the opening of the area’s first newly chartered independent bank in over 15 years. United Republic Bank is located in one of the newest and most exciting business development areas in Omaha at 180th and Burke just west of the Village Pointe shopping and entertainment center (2 blocks south of Dodge).

The bank partnered with the law firm Blackwell, Sanders, Peper, Martin, LLP to provide legal services and B.K.D., LLP provided accounting and financial review services in completing the regulatory applications.

Construction of the bank’s 18,000 sq. ft. headquarters building will commence in the spring of 2007, and features two drive-up lanes, a secure drive-up ATM, and a state of the art client information center. Architects for the project are The Schemmer Associates and Hawkins Construction Company is the general contractor on the project. The bank will initially occupy 6,000 sq. ft. of the building. Completion of the bank’s permanent facility is expected late 2007 or early 2008. During construction, employees will work from a temporary facility located on site. The bank’s interim website, unitedrepublicbank.com provides current product specials, construction updates, employment opportunities and video messages from the senior management team.

One of the bank’s primary strategies is to deliver exceptional customer service throughout the organization. *“We are truly committed to our community and we will deliver products and services at a higher level than our competitors,” states Pate. “We will measure our success based just as much on developing meaningful relationships as we do on performance against industry peers.”*

The management team includes: Pate, who has 31 years’ experience in banking, is active in the financial industry and in the community and serves on the Millard Public Schools Board of Education and the Millard Public Schools Foundation Board. Venita Spier, Chief Operations Officer, has 24 years’ experience in operations and data management and financial analysis. Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, John Ramsey, brings 29 years’ banking experience and expertise in business banking, commercial and real estate lending and asset management. Assistant Operations Officer, Kathie Sparks has 30 years of banking experience in branch management and analysis and is active in the Millard Rotary and the Omaha Women’s Council of Realtors.