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EVERGREEN CREDIT UNION NAMED SBA EXPRESS LENDER

Augusta, Maine – Charles Summers, Jr., New England Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) presented a Certificate of SBA*Express* Designation to Evergreen Credit Union's Jere Shaw, Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer at the credit union's headquarters in Portland, Tuesday, March 20th.

As a newly designated 7(a) lending participant, the SBAExpress program allows lenders to use their own forms, procedures, and analyses to process SBA loan applications on an expedited basis. "This is an easier loan product for borrowers and lenders to use," stated Summers. "With this simplified procedure, Evergreen Credit Union will be able to serve more small businesses and entrepreneurs," he added.

"We are pleased to be designated as a SBA Express Lender," said Tucker Cole, President and CEO of Evergreen Credit Union. "Small business is a very vital part of our local economy and we are always looking for ways to enhance our service to these customers. Our participation in the SBA Express Lender program will enable us to provide our small business customers with the added benefit of expedited processing of SBA loan applications."

Evergreen Credit Union serves the needs of small businesses throughout Cumberland County with a full menu of business deposit and lending products. Evergreen Credit Union has branches in Portland, Windham and Naples.