

**CDFI INDUSTRY LEADER OPPORTUNITY FINANCE NETWORK
ADDS THREE SENIOR EXECUTIVES IN KEY POSITIONS**

PHILADELPHIA, PA///September 19, 2007///Oppuntunity Finance Network (OFN) – the nation’s leading network of private financial intermediaries that identify and invest in opportunities benefiting low-income and low-wealth people – today announced the addition of three new executives in key positions.

Helen Y. Leung has been appointed OFN’s chief operating officer (COO). In her new role as COO, Leung is responsible for supervising operations; leading the development and implementation of OFN’s three-year business plan and annual operational plan that link mid-term and long-term strategy to execution details; and supervising business line managers and support function managers.

The scope and mix of Leung’s past experience uniquely qualifies her for her new role. She has worked in business development in both corporate and consumer market sectors, corporate risk management process design and implementation, product management, and credit operations management, with experience in both international and domestic markets. She was at Wachovia Bank for 24 years, working eight years as vice president and operations manager of Wachovia credit products, where she managed credit underwriting operations, performance measurement and reporting for a commercial lending portfolio of \$2.9 billion, supporting more than 80 credit underwriters, salespeople and other staff.

Valecia L. Brooks is OFN’s new vice president of external relations. Her primary responsibility is to manage fundraising from foundations and corporations in local and regional markets, including overall strategy, cultivation, solicitation, research, reporting, and stewardship for the organization. Brooks was president of her own firm, VL Brooks & Associates, in Miami, FL from 1995-2007. Her company specialized in non-profit management, fundraising, business development, grant writing and community outreach for non-profits and emerging businesses.

Tanya McInnis is the newest OFN vice president of financial services. As an experienced real estate finance professional with a strong focus in community development, Tanya’s career has focused on affordable housing lending and relationship management. Her primary responsibility is to manage the Residential Mortgage Platform by building mortgage origination systems and networks and delivering resources and technical assistance to originators. She also works on other elements of the Financial Services strategies, including product development and capitalization efforts.

“Helen will help us successfully execute on our strategy to lead the opportunity finance industry to scale. She brings deep talent and valuable experience that will make this organization even stronger,” said OFN President & CEO Mark Pinsky.

“Helen, Valecia, and Tanya are all professionals of the highest caliber and we are fortunate to have them on board.”

ABOUT OFN

Opportunity Finance Network is the leading network of private financial intermediaries identifying and investing in opportunities to benefit low-income and low-wealth people in the U.S. The network’s financing delivers both sound financial returns and real changes for people and communities. CDFIs in the Opportunity Finance Network originated more than \$11 billion in



financing in unconventional urban, rural, and reservation-based markets through 2005. This network has generated or maintained: 171,146 jobs; 35,451 businesses; 484,943 housing units; and, 5,153 community facility projects. With cumulative net charge-off rates of less than 1 percent, OFN-member CDFIs have demonstrated that it is possible to lend prudently and productively in unconventional markets often overlooked by conventional financial institutions. For more information about Opportunity Finance Network, go to <http://www.opportunityfinance.net>.

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