

## MFA Financial, Inc. Announces First Quarter 2012 Earnings Conference Call

NEW YORK, May 2, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) plans to host a conference call on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) to discuss its first quarter 2012 financial results, which are scheduled to be announced earlier that day.

The number to dial in order to listen to the conference call is (800) 230-1096 in the U.S. and Canada. International callers must dial (612) 332-0107. A replay of the call will be available through Friday, May 11, 2012, and can be accessed by dialing (800) 475-6701 in the U.S. and Canada or (320) 365-3844 internationally and entering access code 247472.

Live audio of the conference call will also be accessible over the internet at <a href="http://www.mfa-reit.com">http://www.mfa-reit.com</a> through the appropriate link on MFA's Investor Information page or, alternatively, over the Thomson Reuters Investor Distribution Network at <a href="http://www.earnings.com">http://www.earnings.com</a>. To listen to the call over the internet, go to the applicable website at least 15 minutes before the call to register and to download and install any needed audio software. An audio replay of the call will also be available on MFA's website following the call.

MFA is a real estate investment trust primarily engaged in the business of investment, on a leveraged basis, in Agency and Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities.

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