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Huntington Bank Ends Fiscal Year as the Seventh Largest Small Business Lender in the Country

Huntington Also Earns No. 1 Ranking in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and West Virginia

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ --The Huntington National Bank is the seventh largest small business lender in the country, as reported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). According to the SBA, Huntington has made 992 loans with a total of \$141 million lent for the fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30, 2009.

In addition to its national ranking, Huntington is the top lender in four of the five states it serves. Specifically, it is the No.1 SBA7(a) lender in number of SBA loans and dollar amount of SBA loans in Ohio and West Virginia. It is the No. 1 lender in terms of number of SBA7(a) loans in Indiana and Michigan.

"The fact that a bank the size of Huntington is the seventh largest SBA lender in the country underscores our commitment to small businesses," said Steve Steinour, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Huntington. "At a time when small businesses are weathering the recession, Huntington has stepped up with an aggressive increase in our SBA lending. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, employing more than half of the U.S. workforce and account for nearly 65 percent of all new jobs created. By focusing on small business, we are making an important investment in all of our communities."

Huntington's performance by state is as follows:

- Ohio: 604 loans with a dollar volume of \$67 million.
- Michigan: 184 loans with a dollar volume of \$24.2 million
- Indiana: 71 loans with a dollar volume of \$7.6 million

- West Virginia: 30 loans with a dollar volume of \$4 million

Huntington's SBA-enhanced loans can be used by small business owners for real estate, business acquisition or expansion, start-up costs, equipment purchases, working capital and more. For more information about Huntington's SBA-guaranteed loan program, visit www.huntington.com.

About Huntington

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$51 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington has more than 143 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Through our subsidiaries, including our banking subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, we provide full-service commercial and consumer banking

services, mortgage banking services, equipment leasing, investment management, trust services, brokerage services, customized insurance service program, and other financial products and services. Our over 600 banking offices are located in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of almost 1,400 ATMs. The Auto Finance and Dealer Services group offers automobile loans to consumers and commercial loans to automobile dealers within our six-state banking franchise area. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Private Financial Group offices in Florida and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. International banking services are available through the headquarters office in Columbus and a limited purpose office located in both the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong.

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