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State Bank of Countryside Partners with Nationwide Exchange Services to Offer 1031 Tax-Deferred Exchange Products.

Cupertino, CA – October 12, 2006 – Nationwide Exchange Services (NES), a Qualified Intermediary, announced today that they are the preferred partner in the handling of State Bank of Countryside's 1031 tax-deferred exchange business. State Bank of Countryside, headquartered in Countryside, IL, provides an array of consumer and business banking services to individuals and the local business community.

NES is a Qualified Intermediary providing an industry-leading set of 1031 tax-deferred exchange products for individual investors through major US corporations. With sophisticated business processes and controls that meet the requirements of the banking industry, NES provides State Bank of Countryside an extensive set of 1031 tax-deferred exchange products at the highest level of customer service with minimal start-up costs and with full regulatory compliance. State Bank of Countryside will also have access to a variety of marketing resources provided by NES.

"As a preferred partner, State Bank of Countryside can offer their clients a set of customer-driven 1031 tax-deferred exchange products that will help them defer capital gains taxes, while delivering a direct benefit to the bank in the form of core deposits and added revenue. In addition, NES provides the bank with improved flexibility, the 1031 industry's most competitive fee structure, security of assets, audited processes, 24/7 account visibility and full regulatory compliance," stated Scott Nathanson, Senior Vice President, Central US Operations at Nationwide Exchange Services.

"We are looking forward to a successful partnership with NES. Their suite of 1031 tax-deferred exchange products will meet the needs of our customers," said Tom Boyle, President/CEO at State Bank of Countryside. "Offering the 1031 products through NES is another example of State Bank of Countryside's ability to provide a complete solution to help our customers manage their finances and investments more competitively and efficiently."

Michael Halloran, President of Nationwide Exchange Services, commented, "As the 1031 market continues to grow nationally, there is a substantial need for new standards of service, security and compliance to ensure that risks are minimized for individual investors, corporations, financial institutions and referring sources of 1031 transactions. NES satisfies this need with the broadest complement of 1031 exchange solutions delivered with the highest levels of security, voluntary compliance with regulations applied to financial service market sectors, and transaction transparency for exchange customers large and small."

About State Bank of Countryside

State Bank of Countryside is one of the few remaining independent banks in the Chicagoland area. Committed to outstanding customer service and personal attention, State Bank of Countryside has grown to over \$1 billion in assets since it opened for business in 1975. For the past 10 years, State Bank of Countryside has been ranked in the top 5% of the banks in the six-county Chicagoland area by Crain's Chicago Business magazine, based on the bank's performance. State Bank of Countryside currently has five locations, including its headquarters in Countryside, IL. Branch offices are located in Burbank, Darien, Orland Park and Chicago, IL. For more information, please visit www.statebankofcountryside.com

About Nationwide Exchange Services

Nationwide Exchange Services (NES – www.nationwide1031.com) is a leading Qualified Intermediary for 1031 tax-deferred exchanges. Since 1990, NES has conducted tens of thousands of successful 1031 exchange transactions across the nation. Today, NES applies advanced technologies to proven business processes to create new standards of customer-driven products and services for 1031 tax-deferred exchanges. NES has been awarded a SAS 70 Type II certification after an extensive audit of its processes and controls and, as a result, is uniquely qualified to serve the needs of companies that must comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.