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**MB FINANCIAL BANK OFFERS A SOLUTION TO KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE
CDARS Can Give You Peace of Mind**

[Chicago, September 28, 2008] – MB Financial Bank offers a way for you to enjoy the total security of up to \$50 million in FDIC insurance coverage even though headlines report huge financial losses and trouble and turmoil in the securities and other markets.

Through a service called CDARS (pronounced “cedars”), MB offers up to 500 times the standard \$100,000 level of FDIC insurance coverage found at most banks. CDARS is a deposit placement service. Deposits placed through CDARS meet the pass-through insurance coverage guidelines established by the FDIC.

There is nothing safer than FDIC insurance. Since it was created in 1933, no one has lost a single penny in an FDIC-insured account because their money is fully protected.

“With CDARS, we can protect depositors for up to \$50 million, and that means that customers can sleep soundly without worrying about their money,” says Sue Peterson, executive vice president, chief retail banking officer, MB Financial Bank.

To offer CDARS, a bank must belong to a special network called the Promontory Network. When a customer places a large deposit with a network member, the bank arranges for the placement of funds into CDs issued by other network banks – in increments of less than \$100,000 to ensure that both principal and interest are eligible for full FDIC protection.

From the customers' point of view, CDARS is one-stop shopping. Regardless of the number of CDs they receive, customers work with only one bank, sign only one agreement, and receive one account statement.

MB Financial Bank was one of the first area banks to become a member of the Network, which includes more than 1,700 institutions nationwide. CDARS, which was first offered in January, 2003, is endorsed by the American Bankers Association (ABA).

“If you have ever heard the saying ‘As safe as money in the bank,’ you know how valuable FDIC insurance coverage is. At MB, we’re delighted we can offer you many times the coverage than most other banks can,” says Peterson.

MB Financial Bank (www.mbfinancial.com) is a locally-operated financial institution that has been delivering competitive personalized service for almost 100 years to privately-held, middle-market companies as well as to individuals who live and work in the Chicago metropolitan area.

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