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PRIMEVEST signs Skowhegan Savings

PRIMEVEST Financial Services (PRIMEVEST), one of the nation's largest broker-dealers dedicated to serving financial institutions, announced today the signing of **Skowhegan Savings** (Skowhegan, Maine).

"It's exciting to welcome Skowhegan Savings to the PRIMEVEST family," said PRIMEVEST President and CEO **Catherine Bonneau**. "We're looking forward to helping them serve their clients and grow a vibrant program."

Skowhegan Savings, founded in 1869 and currently with over \$420 million in assets, selected PRIMEVEST from a group of several investment companies. Skowhegan Savings has nine branches located throughout the Kennebec Valley region.

"We chose PRIMEVEST because they have a team of Maine-based experts experienced in working with financial institutions," said **John Witherspoon**, president and CEO of Skowhegan Savings. "PRIMEVEST's focus and dedication to providing service with integrity is a good fit with our mission as a local community bank."

The investment and insurance program located at Skowhegan Savings will be privately labeled as Skowhegan Financial Services. **Norm Hart** will serve as financial advisor and PRIMEVEST Community Financial Institution Director **Anne Dunne** will be the account manager.

About PRIMEVEST

Founded in 1984, PRIMEVEST Financial Services Inc. is an independent, self-clearing broker-dealer serving the clients of more than 600 financial institutions throughout the United States. With its singular focus on financial institutions, PRIMEVEST delivers innovative investment and insurance solutions, comprehensive support and a flexible program structure built to strengthen client relationships.

PRIMEVEST is a member of the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC), the Securities Investors Protection Corporation (SIPC), and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). For more information, see www.primevest.com.

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