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Andy Montgomery, Chairman of Western Community Bancshares Travels to 7th annual World Investment Conference in France as Guest of Honor with the Ambassador of Bahrain for a Debate, “Are There Any Bankers Out there?”

(Palm Desert, California—June 2, 2009) Local business leader, Andy Montgomery, Chairman and CEO of Utah-based Western Community Bancshares is attending the 7th annual World Investment Conference in LaBaule, France from June 3-5.

Montgomery will be a joint Guest of Honor along with His Excellency the Ambassador of Bahrain Dr. Naser Al Belooshi at The KitSon Dinner Debate, “Are There Any Bankers Out there?” In addition, as part of the “Economic Development in Cities: Concrete Projects to Create New Sources of Growth” portion of the conference, Montgomery will be speaking on the panel, “Global Cities: Can Second or Midsized Cities be Tomorrow’s Leaders?”

One of Montgomery’s goals is to generate entrepreneurial interest in Southern California’s Coachella Valley where Western Community Bancshares’ subsidiary, El Paseo Bank is headquartered. Montgomery is part of a team of four local business leaders attending the conference. “The Coachella Valley has special story to tell as a unique environment for both new businesses and existing ones considering expansion,” explains Montgomery. “We hope to attract several companies into considering locating in the Coachella Valley. That would ultimately result in job creation stimulating the local economy, he adds.” This conference presents a unique opportunity for Montgomery to meet with an international group of businesspeople looking at the United States for opportunities.

Western Community Bancshares is the parent company of El Paseo Bank with three branches in Palm Desert and one in Park City Utah and one in Salt Lake City. El Paseo Bank continues to be a "Well Capitalized" bank. Utah branches operate under the name Frontier Bank, FSB.

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