

**AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 15, 2013** - FirstClose has announced that it recruited Dave Widmoyer to manage and grow its Midwest territory. The addition of Widmoyer establishes a regional footprint in the Midwest to offer its settlement services and technology solution to lenders headquartered in that region. Widmoyer has more than 25 years experience working in the mortgage banking industry in a variety of senior positions at leading organizations. He is known as a dynamic, results-oriented mortgage professional with a proven track record of success in business development, team building and management.

“Dave thoroughly understands all facets of the mortgage supply chain and will have an immediate impact helping to board new clients located in the Midwest,” said Doug Beaty, executive vice president of national sales. “FirstClose is currently experiencing an increasing demand for our products and thus are in a growth mode that requires more resources to effectively service new clients. The addition of Dave is part of our strategic plan to ensure that our end-to-end technology solutions and bundled settlement services platform is introduced to mortgage lenders across the country.”

Widmoyer has been a regional sales director at Van Wagenen Financial Services; the vice president of sales for the Midwest at Triad Guaranty Insurance; a managing director at PMI Mortgage Insurance; the vice president of mortgage lending at Biltmore Investors Bank; and was a production team leader at Chase Manhattan Bank.

He holds a bachelor of science in business administration with a concentration in finance from the University of Iowa and a master of business administration from the Loyola University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business. Widmoyer is an active member of the Mortgage Bankers Association.