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**DELLONTE PROMOTED TO PRESIDENT AT LOVE FUNDING**

**St. Louis, Mo., July 6, 2007 ...** National mortgage-banking firm Love Funding today announced that Mark Dellonte has been promoted to serve as President of the company. Dellonte, who is based in the firm's Washington, DC office, has been with Love Funding since 2000, most recently serving as Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Agency Lending. In that capacity, he was responsible for all FHA production and underwriting, overseeing a veteran team of originators who have helped propel LFC to one of the top FHA lenders in the industry. In his new role as president, Mr. Dellonte is responsible for the overall profitability of Love Funding's national operations and more than a dozen offices.

Before joining Love Funding, Mr. Dellonte spent nine years with a national Government contracting firm responsible for new business development and managing several of the firm's largest contracts with HUD.

Mr. Dellonte is a frequent speaker on housing industry topics, most recently at the Crittenden National Conference, where he shared insights on senior housing financing strategies.

Harry Cheatham, who served as president of Love Funding since 1998, has been named Vice Chairman of the company and will remain an active member of the board of directors.

For more information about Love Funding, visit [www.lovefunding.com](http://www.lovefunding.com).

*Love Funding is one of the Love Companies, an investment holding company with origins dating back to 1875. Love Funding commenced mortgage-banking operations in 1984 and serves clients across the United States from its offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Knoxville, Los Angeles, New York, Palm Beach, St. Louis, San Antonio and Washington D.C. The company offers refinance, construction, and acquisition financing programs for multifamily, affordable housing, senior housing, healthcare, hospitality, office buildings, retail, light industrial, and special purpose properties. Love Funding's lending sources include CMBS firms, life companies, FNMA, FHLMC and FHA.*

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