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## **WESTERN STATE BANK TO OPEN MESA, ARIZONA LOCATION**

**West Fargo, ND** – Western State Bank will open a new full-service bank in Mesa, AZ, during the first quarter of 2019. The Mesa bank will be Western’s sixth Arizona location in addition to its three banks in North Dakota.

The bank will be located at 5901 E McKellips Road in the Falcon View Plaza, a major Mesa retail shopping area near major highways including Loop 101, Loop 202 and US Highway 60.

“We’re excited to expand our Arizona presence in the state’s third-largest city,” said Brian Houkom, Chief Executive Officer of Western State Bank. “Customers appreciate our community bank philosophy, and we’ll bring our proven hometown banking approach to Mesa.”

Western State Bank will add approximately four team members in Mesa, bringing the company-wide employee total to more than 220. Western entered the Arizona market in 2007 and has grown to over \$287 million in loans and \$418 million in deposits in the state.

Western State Bank has more than \$1 billion in assets. It’s an employee-owned, community-focused bank offering personal banking, business banking, mortgages, investment services, as well as nationwide equipment financing services. Western State Banks are located in the North Dakota communities of West Fargo, Fargo, and Devils Lake and in the Arizona communities of Casa Grande, Chandler, Scottsdale, Sun City and Sun City West.

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