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**PNWFCU's Dave Thompson Earns Certification as a
Senior Professional in Human Resources**



Portland, Oregon--June 30, 2008—Dave Thompson, Vice President of Human Resources & Training at Pacific NW Federal Credit Union, recently earned the Senior Professional in Human Resources Certification (SPHR). This professional certification, awarded by the Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI), signifies that Thompson possesses the theoretical knowledge and practical experience in human resource management necessary to pass a rigorous examination demonstrating a mastery of the body of knowledge in the field.

“There are many reasons to earn the certification, from enhancing your credentials to career development,” says Thompson. “For me it was more about wanting to prove to myself that I had really developed a solid understanding of the core aspects of my profession and to push myself to a higher level of achievement.” To become certified, an applicant must pass a comprehensive four hour examination and demonstrate a strong background of professional human resource experience. Thompson spent six to eight weeks prior to the SPHR test reviewing a learning tool developed for test preparation that included seven books and a test question bank of over 1000 sample questions. “This certification is an example of the professionalism and skill

in both human resources and management that Dave has exemplified from his first day at the credit union," said PNWFCU President and CEO, Thomas Griffith.

Thompson joined PNWFCU in 2006. He has been working in Human Resources since 2000. Prior to that, his professional background was in training and project management, mostly in healthcare settings. He has a BA in Communication-English from Boise State University. In 2005, Thompson received the PHR (Professional in Human Resources) certification.

HRCI is the credentialing body for human resource professionals and is affiliated with the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), the world's largest organization dedicated exclusively to the human resource profession. The Institute's purpose is to promote the establishment of professional standards and to recognize professionals who meet those standards.

Pacific NW Federal Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative existing to provide high quality products and services, which enable our membership to achieve financial health and independence. They offer credit union services to over 300 federal agencies and select employee groups. PNWFCU is a \$150 million credit union with over 16,000 members, enjoying a full range of personal and business products and services.

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