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VANTAGE WEST CREDIT UNION RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF NATION'S MOST FINANCIALLY HEALTHY CREDIT UNIONS

TUCSON, Ariz. (Nov. 18, 2014) – Vantage West Credit Union (www.vantagewest.org), Southern Arizona's largest credit union, has been recognized as one of the country's most financially healthy credit unions. As part of its annual ranking of the nation's top 200 healthiest credit unions, Depositaccounts.com ranked Vantage West among the elite group.

"It's always nice to be recognized among the best financial institutions in the country," Robert D. Ramirez, president and CEO of Vantage West Credit Union, said. "Being noted for our financial health is a great accomplishment, given the fact that the country and its consumers are still emerging from a tough recession."

Vantage West Credit Union and its peers were selected for the annual recognition from a pool of 6,600 credit unions across the country. This top 200 healthiest distinction puts Vantage West in the top 1.5 percent. Credit unions were evaluated and ranked based on deposit growth and capitalization. Loan to reserve ratios were also considered during the evaluation process.

The evaluation also assigned grade letters to several areas that measure financial stability. Vantage West earned an A+ for its Texas Ratio, an indicator that measures available capital

against loans that are considered to be “at risk.” Vantage West earned similar grades for deposit growth and capitalization.

About Vantage West Credit Union

Vantage West Credit Union is a \$1.3 billion financial institution in Arizona, which serves a growing membership of 132,000. Vantage West has branches in Pima, Pinal, Maricopa and Cochise counties and serves its vast international membership via online channels, as well. Vantage West is a full service financial institution, offering consumer and business loans, credit cards, and deposit products, as well as retirement accounts and other financial services. Vantage West is federally insured by NCUA. www.vantagewest.org

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