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East Hartford-based First New England Federal Credit Union Joins Nation's Largest Fee-Free ATM Network

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – May 19, 2010 – Credit Union 24 announced today that First New England Federal Credit Union (First New England FCU) of East Hartford, Conn., has joined the nation's largest fee-free ATM network, providing its members with accessibility to more than 50,000 fee-free ATMs nationwide.

"At First New England FCU, we build relationships of trust with our members by providing them services, such as early payroll posting, online bill payment and online home banking, that help them achieve financial success and independence," said Michael Palladino, CEO of First New England FCU. "Partnering with Credit Union 24 supplements this goal by providing our members with easy and convenient access to thousands of ATM and point-of-sale locations around the nation, allowing them to utilize their ATM and debit cards at locations near or far from their homes and save their hard-earned money."

First New England FCU, which currently serves more than 9,000 members and has more than \$68 million in assets, was chartered in 1938 as East Hartford Teachers' Federal Credit Union. Dairy Food and Services Federal Credit Union merged with EHT in 1988, and Rockford Federal Credit Union merged with EHT 1989, leading the credit union to establish its new brand: First New England FCU. First New England FCU specializes in real estate lending and fee-free checking accounts and debit cards. The institution provides members a range of services, including "relationship accounts," which includes loan discounts, CD premiums, and extensive fee waivers and discounts. First New England FCU has also won statewide recognition for putting its member-focused philosophy into action and for its commitment to serving members in its community.

"We are pleased to partner with a credit union that has been recognized statewide for making its members a priority, and offering them unique services that have significant impact on their bottom line, such as "relationship accounts" that include special bonus dividends, \$300 off first mortgage closing costs, unlimited free ATM withdrawals, and more," said Jim Park, president and CEO of Credit Union 24. "Through this partnership, First New England FCU members can now benefit from having reliable, fee-free access to their money locally and when traveling nationwide, greatly complimenting the exceptional financial products and services they currently receive."

About Credit Union 24, Inc.

Credit Union 24 is a flexible, member-owned, full-service, deposit-taking ATM and POS network with multiple processor links, hundreds of thousands of POS locations at national retailers and local merchants, and more than 100,000 ATM terminals across the country. Credit Union 24's CU HERE surcharge-free programs combine to create the largest surcharge-free ATM presence in the country. Headquartered in Tallahassee, Fla., the Credit Union 24[®] Network is a strong, growing and independent EFT cooperative and is the largest credit union-owned ATM and POS network in the U.S. For more information about Credit Union 24, please visit www.cu24.com.

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