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MASON DIXON FUNDING NAMED ONE OF WASHINGTON AREA'S "BEST PLACES TO WORK"

ROCKVILLE, MD--Mason Dixon Funding (MDF), one of the Washington area's fastest growing full-service mortgage lenders, has been recognized by *The Washington Business Journal* as one of the region's best places to work. The award recognizes the company's achievements in creating a positive work environment that attracts and retains employees through a combination of employee satisfaction, working conditions and company culture.

Mason Dixon is the only mortgage company among the 50 companies from virtually every business sector to be named to the list, which is based on results of a survey administered to each company's employees. In addition to being honored at the WBJ's Annual Awards Breakfast on May 12, Mason Dixon and the other selected companies will be profiled in a special supplement to the publication published that same day.

"We are particularly proud of receiving this honor because it directly reflects our employees' opinions of us as a company," said MDF Executive Vice President Cary Reines. "Since all the evaluations are provided by actual members of our day-to-day workforce, we are pleased to receive confirmation that Mason Dixon Funding is providing its employees with a comfortable and supportive atmosphere."

Mason Dixon Funding (*masondixon.com*), headquartered in Rockville, Md. with offices in Fairfax, Chantilly, Culpeper and Sterling, Va., is also licensed in Washington, D.C. and 10 states including Delaware, North Carolina, Florida and West Virginia. Founded in 1996, the company in the past five years has almost doubled its loan volume each year. MDF ranked 9th in the WBJ's 2004 list of top home mortgage lenders with \$660 million in loan volume; that total increased to more than \$850 million in 2005.