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Old National Bancorp Received Ethics Inside(R) 2010 Certification From the Ethisphere Institute

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EVANSVILLE, Ind., Nov. 30, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Old National Bancorp received Ethics Inside(R) Certification from the Ethisphere Institute, the leading international think-tank dedicated to the creation, advancement and sharing of best practices in business ethics, corporate social responsibility, anti-corruption and sustainability. The Ethics Inside(R) certification is the only independent verification of a company's ethical practices. The annual certification is exclusively granted to organizations that can demonstrably prove the existence of a superior employee and leadership culture that promotes ethical, responsible and sustainable business practices. Furthermore, such organizations must have adequate systems and programs in place to reasonably prevent compliance failures and ethics breakdowns.

Over hundred distinct criteria are evaluated within the following broad segments: organizational ethical health and culture, ethics and compliance programs and initiatives, corporate governance systems, corporate citizenship and social responsibility efforts, legal and regulatory track record.

"This is a rigorous process that identifies a select group of companies that are at the top of their industries for their commitment to ethical business. These organizations go beyond making statements about doing business ethically; they translate those words into action," said Alex Brigham, executive director of the Ethisphere Institute." Some of the other recipients thus far include Cisco Systems, McDonald's, Jones Lang LaSalle, Starbucks and PepsiCo. Corporations are increasingly recognizing the correlation between ethical business practices and long-term market success. The impacts of ethical practices are far more reaching than simply satisfying regulatory requirements. Consumers, employees and potential investors alike all want the companies they frequent or invest in to do business in a manner they can respect."

"It is a tremendous honor for Old National to receive the Ethics Inside(R) Certification. This designation

demonstrates our unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards in business and governance practices when serving our clients and communities," comments Larry Dunigan, Chairman of the Board of Old National Bancorp.

About Old National Bancorp

Old National Bancorp, celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2009, is the largest financial services holding company headquartered in Indiana and, with $8 billion in assets, ranks among the top 100 banking companies in the United States. Since its founding in Evansville in 1834, Old National has focused on community banking by building long-term, highly valued partnerships with clients in its primary footprint of Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. In addition to providing extensive services in retail and commercial banking, wealth management, investments and brokerage, Old National also owns one of the largest independent insurance agencies headquartered in Indiana, offering complete personal and commercial insurance solutions. For more information and financial data, please visit the Company's website at **www.oldnational.com**.

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About the Ethisphere Institute

The research-based Ethisphere Institute is a leading international think-tank dedicated to the creation, advancement and sharing of best practices in business ethics, corporate social responsibility, anti-corruption and sustainability. The Institute's associated membership group, the Ethisphere Council, is a forum for business ethics that includes over 200 leading corporations, universities and institutions. The Ethisphere Council is dedicated to the development and advancement of individuals on its membership council through increased efficiency, innovation, tools, mentoring, advice, and unique career opportunities. Ethisphere Magazine, which publishes the globally recognized World's Most Ethical Companies Ranking(TM), is the quarterly publication of the Institute. More information on the Ethisphere Institute, including ranking projects and membership, can be found at **http://www.ethisphere.org**.

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