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CoBank Announces Renewal Of “Sharing Success” Charitable Contribution Program

Bank Commits \$3 Million To Match Donations By Cooperative Customers In 2013

DENVER (June 26, 2013) – CoBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusinesses, rural infrastructure providers and Farm Credit associations throughout the United States, today announced that it is renewing its “Sharing Success” program in 2013.

The bank’s board of directors has approved the commitment of \$3 million to match charitable contributions made by cooperative customers between now and the end of the year. The bank will match donations on a dollar-for-dollar basis, from a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$5,000 per customer. CoBank first launched the program in 2012 in conjunction with the International Year of Cooperatives.

“The response from customers to our Sharing Success program last year was overwhelming,” said Bob Engel, CoBank’s president and chief executive officer. “Over 600 cooperatives from all the industries we serve ended up taking part, joining with CoBank to support worthy causes across rural America. We’re delighted that our board has agreed to renew Sharing Success this year, and we hope even more customers will take advantage of the program in 2013.”

CoBank will begin formally accepting applications for funding from customers on August 1, 2013. The program will run through November 30, 2013 or the point when the fund is exhausted, whichever comes first. Cooperatives interested in participating should contact their CoBank relationship manager for an application and detailed program requirements.

“The principles of concern for community and cooperation among cooperatives are central to the cooperative model,” Engel said. “The Sharing Success program has been so successful because it embodies both of these important ideas. We look forward to working with our customers in the months ahead in order to help people in need and strengthen their local communities.”

Additional information about the “Sharing Success” program, along with an application form, is available at www.cobank.com/sharingsuccess.

About CoBank

CoBank is a \$95 billion cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23

states around the country.

CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture and the nation's rural economy.

Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore. For more information about CoBank, visit the bank's web site at www.cobank.com.

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