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MARK MCELVAIN APPOINTED AS REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR WESTERN NATIONAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT'S ARIZONA OFFICE

PHOENIX, Ariz. (December 15, 2009) – Western National Property Management, the multifamily management division of Western National Group, has appointed industry executive Mark McElvain, CPM as Regional Vice President of Property Management for its Arizona office.

With more than 20 years of real estate management experience including asset and property management, McElvain will be responsible for overseeing and managing properties throughout Arizona and Southern California.

"A veteran in the multifamily industry, McElvain has managed portfolios as large as 6,000 units within 47 properties for Western National Property Management," explained Cindy Shepardson, Vice President of Operations. "Besides Arizona and California, McElvain has worked in a variety of markets including Texas, Nevada, Washington and Florida. He will bring the knowledge and an array of experiences

learned from managing properties across a variety of markets.

Mark McElvain joined Western National Property Management in 2004 as a Regional Vice President at the firm's corporate headquarters. He has also served in an Asset Manager's role at Western National Group for a portfolio of properties in a private investor's fund, which included the oversight of the development and lease-up of three high-profile Class-A properties.

"With expertise focused on operations that control expenses and increase revenue, McElvain brings a proven track record of success to the firm's Arizona portfolio, allowing Western National Property Management to continue moving forward, despite current economic conditions," added Shepardson.

Prior to joining Western National Group, McElvain worked for many nationally recognized real estate firms across the country including ConAm Management Corporation, Equity Residential, and Camden Property Trust, one of the largest publicly traded REITs in the country.

"With some of the highest occupancy levels in the Western Region, Western National Property Management brings a level of unmatched service and experience that I will carry out throughout the Arizona region," said McElvain.

McElvain is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He is active in the South Coast Apartment Association (SCAA) and the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM). He is also a Certified Property Manager (CPM), Accredited Residential Manager (ARM), and he holds an Arizona Real Estate Broker's license.

Western National Group is a 45-year-old, fully integrated multifamily acquisition, development, construction and property management firm. Western National Group is

the second largest owner of multifamily housing in Orange County, Calif. and is the umbrella over five separate entities, which include Western National Realty Advisors, the development and acquisition arm of the firm; Western National Property Management, the property management arm; Western National Contractors, the construction arm; Multifamily Ancillary Group, which specializes in optimizing ancillary income for owners; and Resident Group Services, the landscaping and appliance services and rental arm.