

First Independent Bank to Use IT-Lifeline for Business Recovery

Southwest Washington Financial Institution Finds Eastern Washington Ideal for Disaster Recovery

SPOKANE, Wash., 2008 – [IT-Lifeline](#), the Northwest’s leading provider of Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity solutions for small and medium sized businesses, will provide a suite of recovery services for Vancouver, Washington-based [First Independent Bank](#). First Independent will use IT-Lifeline’s Business Recovery Center in Liberty Lake, Washington rather than alternate recovery facilities in Oregon which could be subject to damage by the same geological, meteorological, or unplanned events as the bank.

“Distance is always a factor for recovery solutions; too close, you may lose both primary and backup locations to the same event; too far, and accessibility is a challenge,” said Duane Swizer, VP\Director of Information Technology at First Independent. “IT- Lifeline provides a recovery solution that is perfect for us—the ideal location—safe, relatively nearby, and state-of-the-art.”

“We’re honored to see the high level of trust that First Independent is placing with us to help them ensure client access assurance and operational integrity.” said Steven Tabacek, CEO of IT-Lifeline. “IT-Lifeline and Eastern Washington are quickly becoming the ideal combination for regional recovery.”

First Independent will be able to restore key data and critical functionality at IT-Lifeline’s Business Recovery Center and take advantage of the Company’s advanced Continuity Suites in the event of business disruption.

About First Independent

First Independent Bank is the largest locally-owned, privately-held community bank in Southwest Washington with nearly \$1 billion in assets. Serving the Portland OR/SW Washington region, the bank provides commercial and consumer lending, deposit services, a suite of wealth management services and business banking for small and large businesses. The bank was founded in 1910 and is based in Vancouver, Washington. First Independent Bank operates as a subsidiary of First Independent Investment Group, Inc. www.firstindy.com

About IT-Lifeline

IT-Lifeline provides business with a full range of IT continuity solutions—from plans to action—that ensure full recovery from natural disaster, system failure, unlawful or accidental intrusion, and human error. Located in seismically stable, climactically mild Eastern Washington, IT-Lifeline operates a business technology recovery hub that delivers levels of redundancy from real-time continuation of all or priority operations, to data vaulting and recovery of critical data and applications.

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