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# Jack Henry & Associates, CU Business Group Announce Alliance to Promote ProfitStars' Margin Maximizer Interactive

## - Loan and deposit pricing tool helps credit unions improve ROI, increase interest income -

MONETT, Mo. and PORTLAND, Ore., March 9, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Jack Henry & Associates (NASDAQ:JKHY) is a leading provider of technology solutions and payment processing services primarily for the financial services industry. CU Business Group (CUBG) is the largest business services credit union service organization (CUSO) in the nation, currently serving more than 470 credit unions. The companies today announced an alliance that will provide more credit unions with the tools they need to increase net interest income, win more business, expand customer relationships, and improve profitability of member business loan relationships.

Margin Maximizer Interactive<sup>T</sup>(MMi), from Jack Henry's ProfitStars<sup>®</sup> division, is a customizable online tool that enables credit unions to develop strategies to help ensure the greatest possible net interest income from member business loans and relationships. Loan scenarios generated by the tool prioritize business member relationships and reflect their value as depositors. Rates are influenced by the size of the loan and the potential credit risk. This alliance creates a streamlined process for CUBG credit unions to strengthen their member business lending portfolios with MMi, pricing loans consistently across multiple variables to meet and exceed overall profitability objectives.

Jeff Fiedler, EVP of finance at <u>Advia Credit Union</u>, a CUBG client, commented, "We leverage Margin Maximizer Interactive to competitively price commercial deals and large retail opportunities. The tool enables us to evaluate members from a holistic perspective, considering the profitability of their relationship and empowering our lending department to respond accordingly. As a result, we are able to offer better, faster service in a highly competitive marketplace."

The alliance comes after a record-breaking year for small business lending. The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration Loan</u> <u>Program</u> announced that it approved 52,044 loans for \$19.19 billion in its fiscal year 2014, an increase of 12 percent in number of loans and 7.4 percent in dollar amount over fiscal year 2013. As credit unions become even more active in business lending, CUBG is encouraging members to use a risk-based, holistic, and quantifiable pricing methodology via a simple, yet comprehensive tool like MMi.

Larry Middleman, CUBG president and CEO, explained, "Credit unions are becoming more sophisticated in business lending, and leveraging tools like Margin Maximizer Interactive is a practical and beneficial way for them to ensure their pricing is consistent and profitable. In addition to enhancing the returns on loans, MMi helps credit unions gain a financial perspective of the full member relationship with an applicant, which often results in better loan pricing as the share of wallet with business members increases."

Russ Bernthal, president of ProfitStars, added, "Pricing can be a challenge for credit unions; Margin Maximizer Interactive allows them to make swift and efficient decisions based on the calculated data points that examiners want to see. This alliance makes it easy for CUBG's clients to access MMi, enabling them to improve their commercial portfolios and proactively address examiner concerns. It is also evidence of our mutual dedication to providing credit unions with the tools to better compete in their markets while further enhancing efficiencies."

Credit unions interested in taking advantage of this new alliance should contact Claire White of CUBG at <u>info@cubg.org</u> or 866-484-2876.

#### About CU Business Group

Established in 2002, CU Business Group, LLC, provides a wide array of business lending, deposit, and consulting services to credit unions nationwide. CU Business Group provides products and technical expertise to credit unions with advanced business programs, and all the basics for those just starting out. Based in Portland, Oregon, with offices in the West, Southwest and Eastern U.S., CU Business Group has a staff of 36 professionals and is the largest business services CUSO in the industry, serving more than 470 credit unions in 46 states. For more information, visit <u>www.cubg.org</u>.

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