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**MICHELE DEAN NAMED AMONG  
“TOP 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN BUSINESS”**

**Bethpage Federal Credit Union Senior Vice President of Lending  
Selected by Long Island Business News as Local Leader**

**Bethpage, NY – June 26, 2012** – Michele Dean, Senior Vice President of Lending and a member of the Strategic Team at [Bethpage Federal Credit Union](#), has been selected by Long Island Business News as one of the “Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business” for 2012. Launched in 2000, the Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business program recognizes Long Island’s top women professionals for business acumen, mentoring and community involvement. Award recipients were selected by a judging committee of more than 600 of Long Island’s top business, government, and not-for-profit leaders.

“I am honored to have been chosen as one of Long Island Business News’ ‘Most Influential Woman in Business,’ and to have been included with such an esteemed group of women,” said Dean. “My position at Bethpage, and in the Long Island community, has presented me with many great opportunities, and at Bethpage, where even with a tough economic climate, we have continued to lend, despite the challenges taking place in the banking arena. I look forward to my ongoing work with the Long Island community to help residents and businesses achieve their financial goals.”

Dean oversees Bethpage’s Commercial Lending, Residential Mortgage Lending, Consumer Lending, Loan Servicing & Administration, Secondary Markets, and Bethpage’s subsidiary companies called Credit Union Service Organizations. She also heads up the Bethpage Investment Strategies division that manages a \$400 million portfolio for over 4,000 clients. Bethpage Investment Strategies, through INVEST Financial Corporation, offers members a comprehensive portfolio of financial services, including brokerage, asset management, retirement/estate planning, college planning, life insurance, long term care and disability insurance.

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Bethpage Federal Credit Union, New York State's largest credit union, is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest credit union residential mortgage loan originator.

Within the financial services industry, Dean serves as an advisory board member for Fannie Mae, INVEST Financial Corporation the Financial Services Committee for NACUSO, Land Bound Services, CU Settlements and Bethpage Risk Management Services. As a leader in her community, Dean is a member of the Board of Directors for Long Island Housing Partnerships and Island Harvest. Dean was also named to Long Island Business News's Top 50 Women for 2005 and the Top 40 Under 40.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative, existing solely to serve its members and has experienced rapid growth in recent years to become a strong alternative to banks. Bethpage was approved for the largest federal community charter in the U.S. in 2003 and now is Long Island's largest credit union and leading community financial institution with over 206,000 members, 26 branches and 60 shared service center locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers better rates, lower fees and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

Bethpage maintains branch locations in Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Seaford, Smithtown, Roosevelt, West Babylon and Westbury with over 425 surcharge-free ATMs in King Kullen, 7-Eleven, CVS Pharmacy and Costco locations throughout Long Island. For more information, call 1-800-628-7070 or visit [www.bethpagefcu.com](http://www.bethpagefcu.com).

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