



## **John J. Lynch Jr. Joins Cole Taylor Bank As Vice Chairman**

ROSEMONT, IL – October 16, 2008 – Cole Taylor Bank today announced John J. Lynch, Jr. has joined Cole Taylor Bank as Vice Chairman. Mr. Lynch was with Chicago's LaSalle Bank for more than 30 years where as an Executive Vice President, he was responsible for LaSalle's mid-market commercial lending and correspondent banking groups. He joins Cole Taylor from Bank of America, which acquired LaSalle Bank in 2007.

"We are delighted to welcome John Lynch to Cole Taylor. There are very few bankers who know this marketplace like John does, and none who better appreciate the unique needs of owner-operated businesses." said Bruce W. Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Taylor Capital Group, parent company of Cole Taylor Bank. "John is an impressive addition to our commercial banking leadership team and I know he will make a significant difference for us and for our clients."

"I've known John Lynch for more than 25 years and am truly excited to have him join our team," said Mark A. Hoppe, Cole Taylor President and Chief Executive Officer. "John's deep knowledge of the Chicago business community and his belief in the critical importance of relationships make him a perfect fit for Cole Taylor. John also appreciates the importance of contributing to the community in which we live and work, which is another value we share. I look forward to working closely with John as we further build this organization."

Mr. Lynch added, "I'm very excited to be a part of the team leading Cole Taylor's growth strategy. The Chicago area banking market is undergoing significant change right now, and the opportunities are great for those institutions that are smart, responsive and able to provide great service to their customers."

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Cole Taylor earlier this year announced the hiring of more than 40 commercial lenders – doubling the size of its commercial lending team -- along with a series of actions taken to further strengthen the bank around its target market of owner-operated small and medium sized businesses.

**About Taylor Capital Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: TAYC)**

Taylor Capital Group, Inc., is a \$3.6 billion bank holding company for Cole Taylor Bank, a Chicago-based commercial bank specializing in serving the business banking, real estate lending and wealth management requirements of closely held and family-owned small- and medium-sized businesses. Cole Taylor is a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

**Editors/Reporters:** Cole Taylor will provide complete John Lynch bio information and a photograph upon request.

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