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Ferguson Wellman Named One of "Oregon's Most Admired Companies" by the Business Community

PORTLAND, Ore. – December 7, 2006 – Ferguson Wellman Capital Management Inc. received an "Oregon's Most Admired Companies" award in the financial services category from the Portland Business Journal today.

To generate the rankings, the Portland Business Journal sent surveys to some 2,500 CEOs throughout the state. They were asked to select two companies they most admired in eight industries. The CEOs were also asked to rate the two companies they selected in each category on the following attributes: (1) innovation (2) quality of services or products (3) community involvement and (4) quality of management and (5) branding and marketing.

The survey results included a list of 58 companies in the financial services industry. Of the top ten companies listed, only Ferguson Wellman was a pure money manager. Other companies honored in the financial services category included:

Rank	Company	Points
1	Umpqua Bank	1,382
2	Wells Fargo	508
3	KeyBank	474
4	Bank of America	464
5	Bank of the Cascades	445
6	U. S. Bank	431
7	Ferguson Wellman Capital Management	428
8	Albina Community Bank	262
9	West Coast Bank	255
10	Washington Mutual Bank	242

"We were honored to have been selected, along with many other companies that we respect and admire throughout the state," said Jim Rudd, chief executive officer of Ferguson Wellman Capital Management.

Founded in 1975, Ferguson Wellman Capital Management, Inc. is a privately owned investment advisory firm, established in the Pacific Northwest. With more than 450 clients, the firm manages \$2.4 billion in assets that comprise union and corporate retirement plans; endowments and foundations; and individuals with portfolios of \$2 million or more.