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**ASTORIA FINANCIAL CORPORATION TO ANNOUNCE FIRST QUARTER
EARNINGS & HOST CONFERENCE CALL**

Lake Success, New York, March 25, 2010 -- Astoria Financial Corporation (NYSE: AF), announced that it expects to report first quarter 2010 earnings on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). A copy of the news release will be immediately available on its web site, www.astoriafederal.com.

The Company also announced that George L. Engelke, Jr., Chairman & CEO of Astoria will host an earnings conference call on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. (ET).

Toll-free dial-in:	(888) 562-3356	Conference ID:	64457235
International dial-in:	(973) 582-2700	Conference ID:	64457235

A simultaneous webcast of the conference call will also be available on the Company's web site at www.astoriafederal.com and will be archived for one year.

A telephone replay will be available on Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. (ET) through Friday, April 30, 2010, 11:59 p.m.

Replay # (Domestic):	(800) 642-1687	PIN Code:	64457235
Replay # (International):	(706) 645-9291	PIN Code:	64457235

Astoria Financial Corporation, with assets of \$20.3 billion, is the holding company for Astoria Federal Savings and Loan Association. Established in 1888, Astoria Federal, with deposits in New York totaling \$12.8 billion, is the largest thrift depository headquartered in New York and embraces its philosophy of "Putting people first" by providing the customers and local communities it serves with quality financial products and services through 85 convenient banking office locations and multiple delivery channels, including its enhanced website, www.astoriafederal.com. Astoria Federal commands the fourth largest deposit market share in the attractive Long Island market, which includes Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties with a population exceeding that of 38 individual states. Astoria Federal originates mortgage loans through its banking and loan production offices in New York, an extensive broker network covering sixteen states, primarily along the East Coast, and the District of Columbia, and through correspondent relationships covering seventeen states and the District of Columbia.

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