

Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance
Warns Borrowers about an Online Loan Company

Sept. 24, 2010 – The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance is warning Nebraska residents about an Internet-based company offering personal loans to consumers. Rouge Brokers claims to be located at 13218 Cottner Street, Suite 218, Omaha, Nebraska. The company requires borrowers to pay fees between \$815 and \$1,650 in advance of funding any loan. The Department has verified that the company does not have an office at the address listed and Rouge Brokers' website has been shut down. The Department strongly cautions consumers on conducting business over the Internet with financial companies with whom they are unfamiliar.

Report loan scams to the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance by calling the NDBF Consumer Hotline toll free at (877) 471-3445 in Nebraska, or (402) 471-3445 out of state, or by visiting the Department's Website at www.ndbf.ne.gov and completing the Financial Institutions complaint form. Consumers may also contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) to file a complaint. Before doing business with a company online, consumers may want to check the license status of the company on the Department's Website or by calling the consumer hotline.

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