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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **St. Louis, Mo.-based DAS Acquisition/USA Mortgage Now Licensed In 21 States with New Offices in Five Cities**

#### ***Missouri's #1 Home Lender Adds Dallas, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; Sarasota and Tampa Fla., and Florence, Kentucky to Roster***

ST. LOUIS, MO – The largest private mortgage bank and mortgage lender in Missouri, **DAS Acquisition Co., LLC**, has opened new full-service home loan offices under the **USA Mortgage** marketing name in five cities across the U.S. The offices are in Dallas, Texas; Dayton, Ohio; Sarasota and Tampa, Fla; and Florence, Kentucky.

Under the leadership of founder **Doug Schukar**, president and chief executive officer, DAS/USA continues to expand coast-to-coast. It is now licensed in 21 states.

"As 2017 unfolds, we hope to extend the USA Mortgage footprint to new cities and new states," said Schukar. "We are eager to team with proven home lending professionals who share our commitment to a relationship-based business model conceived to guide clients through the mortgage procurement process in an expert, highly personal way."

In St. Louis, USA Mortgage has topped the \$1 billion mark in home loan volume annually since 2009 and been credited as Missouri's largest home lender since 2014.

DAS/USA offers a full range of **conventional, Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Veterans Affairs (VA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** home loans for purchase or refinance.

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**Editor's Note:** After entering the mortgage industry in 1989 and becoming a key contributor to the success of several St. Louis home lenders, **Douglas A. Schukar** in 2001 launched his own company, **DAS Acquisition Company, LLC**. Its first purchase was the **USA Mortgage** marketing name. Under Schukar's leadership, DAS/USA grew rapidly. Today, as the largest privately held mortgage banker in Missouri, the Equal Housing lender is licensed in 21 states and employs more than 400 licensed loan officers and support professionals.

In the process, **Inc.** magazine named the firm one of America's Top 100 private job creators and on five occasions included DAS/USA on its annual **Inc. 5000** ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. The firm has been tapped as a Top 50 mortgage originator by **Scotsman Guide** and nominated as a finalist to the **Ellie Mae Hall of Fame**. Schukar has also been selected as a regional finalist for the **Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year® Award**.

In its home town and state, DAS/USA has been the #1 lender in metro St. Louis since 2012, the #1 lender in the **Missouri USDA Guaranteed Rural Housing** program since 2011 and Missouri's #1 overall mortgage originator since 2014.

The firm has also established a reputation as an exemplary employer. It has been a finalist in the **St. Louis Business Journal's** "Best Places to Work" competition on multiple occasions and honored with the Patriot Award, Pro Patria Award and Above and Beyond Award from a Missouri office of the **U.S. Department of Defense** for its comprehensive support of associates who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

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