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Pat Talbot hired as Assistant Vice President of Retail Lending



Hingham Institution for Savings is pleased to announce that Pat Talbot has joined our Mortgage Banking Team and was appointed Assistant Vice President of Retail Lending. With great emphasis on service, she looks forward to assisting you in your home financing needs.

As a current resident of Hingham, Pat is a well respected loan officer for nearly 19 years beginning her career at Shawmut Mortgage (now known as Bank of America) and most recently at Eastern Bank's Mortgage Division.

Hingham Institution for Savings offers competitive rates and products to service every borrower's needs, including the 20/20 mortgage – our most popular product. The 20/20 mortgage has a 40-year term and a fixed rate for the first 20 years. Jumbo financing is available for all our mortgage products. Our first-time homebuyer mortgages allow purchase of a home with no money down.

Hingham Institution for Savings is a Massachusetts-chartered savings bank, Incorporated in 1834. Headquartered in Hingham Massachusetts, it is one of the oldest banks in the Commonwealth, with assets of \$745 million, and 9 branches. The bank's shares of common stock are listed on the NASDAQ stock market and trade under the symbol HIFS.