



## First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® Appoints Industry Expert William Johns as Director of Enterprise Data

**TYSONS CORNER, VIRGINIA, July 19, 2016** – First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® (FGMC), a Virginia Corporation, providing residential mortgage lending services for over 25 years, is pleased to announce that **William Johns**, an expert in enterprise data management – specific to the financial services industry, has recently joined the company as Director of Enterprise Data.

“William brings a plethora of knowledge, leadership and top tier experience, to FGMC. We intend to leverage his collective achievements, expertise, and global vision for enterprise data management, to drive our data warehousing strategic initiatives,” said **Ben Sizemore, Jr., Chief Information Officer**. “William deeply understands the core necessity for aligning strategy and objectives with data management, governance, analytics, and business intelligence.”

Mr. Johns brings 15+ years of data management experience and executive level leadership to First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation. Prior to joining FGMC, he worked in senior leadership roles in Enterprise Data Management, **Federal Reserve Board**; Enterprise Data Services, **Capital One Bank**; the middle market ERP practice of **Ernst & Young LLP** and consulting to both **Fannie Mae** and **Freddie Mac**.

William Johns received his Bachelor of Science (Finance) degree from Virginia Tech – Blacksburg, Virginia. Additionally, Mr. Johns is a **CPA** - Certified Public Accountant and holds internationally recognized designations for **CDMP** – Certified Data Management Professional, **PMP** - Project Management Professional and **MCP** - Microsoft Certified Professional – MS SQL Administration.

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## About First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation®

Providing premium residential mortgage lending services for over 25 years, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation® (FGMC), today offers Correspondent, Wholesale and Retail residential loan origination channels. Together with First Guaranty's Warehouse Lending Division, FGMC provides a full spectrum of lending products and services throughout the 47 states and the District of Columbia, where licenses are held.

FGMC has worked closely for years with Government Sponsored Enterprises and federal agencies to make quality loan products available nationally. FGMC is a national approved Single Family Issuer for Ginnie Mae; an approved Fannie Mae MBS Issuer; approved by HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development); an FHA approved lending institution (Federal Housing Administration); approved for VA (United States Department of Veterans Affairs); and approved by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture).

Recognized by *Inc. Magazine* in 2014 and 2015, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation continues to be one of the fastest-growing privately-held companies in the United States. *Inc. Magazine's – Inc. 5000*, rankings for 2015 were based on 2011–2014 information. FGMC (Ranked #1138), experienced impressive revenue growth of **480** percent during this period of time; and reported that **294** jobs were added during the same time period. *Inc. Magazine* has provided annual rankings since 1981. FGMC's ranking can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.inc.com/profile/first-guaranty-mortgage>

FGMC prides itself on using robust technology in new and creative ways to ensure the company (and its partners) are exercising the most efficient and compliant processes available. The company has been nominated for the Ellie Mae Hall of Fame on multiple occasions and was honored with **Ellie Mae's 2013 Award for Exceptional Customization of Encompass** for its innovative use of Ellie Mae technology. Ben Sizemore, Jr., Chief Information Officer, First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, is a member of Ellie Mae's CIO Advisory Board. FGMC has also been recognized by *Mortgage Technology Magazine* as a "Top Tech-Savvy Lender" for three consecutive years (2011, 2012 and 2013). The company's revolutionary Vango™ | FGMC Online Marketing is a proprietary, web-based technology that enables FGMC to distribute individualized, agency-quality marketing materials which comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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