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Editor's Note: Kent Ullberg will begin installation of the bison cow and calf at 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 21. Photos of the bison cow and calf are available upon request.

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**First National's New Bison Cow and Calf to Enhance *Pioneer Courage*,  
*Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness***

(OMAHA, Neb. – Aug. 16, 2006) – A bronze bison cow and its calf soon will grace the northwest corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Dodge Streets, according to Brenda Dooley, president of First National Buildings. The sculptures by wildlife sculptor Kent Ullberg are the newest additions to *Pioneer Courage*, located at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Capitol Avenue, and *Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness*, located at 16<sup>th</sup> and Dodge Streets.

Kent Ullberg, creator of *Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness* sculptures, will begin installing the bison cow and calf on Monday, Aug. 21. The latest arrivals will join the existing bison bull, which was installed last year on the same block. The calf stands at 4 feet 5 inches tall and weighs 300 pounds. The bison cow, standing at 6 feet 8 inches tall, will be delivered in three separate pieces – the head portion weighing 350 pounds, the midsection weighing 240 pounds and the legs and tail weighing 25 pounds. Once the bison cow is attached to the corner of the Omaha Park Seven parking garage, it will appear as though it is running through the building.

“The sculpture is unique in that the bison cow will appear to be passing through the garage, as if the building does not exist,” said Dooley. “The bison cow and calf are two very important elements of the story of early Nebraska that is unfolding at *Pioneer Courage* and *Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness*. The sculptures exist much like they would in real life over 100 years ago, before downtown Omaha was developed.”

A total of eight bison – six adults and two calves – all designed by Ullberg in his Loveland, Colo. studio, will serve as a link between *Pioneer Courage* and *Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness*. The overall scene depicts the wagon train as it winds along a creek bed, disturbing a nearby group of bison and flushing a flock of geese.

*Pioneer Courage* and *Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness* were developed for First National Bank's downtown corporate campus. *Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness* consists of a freestanding mature bull bison, bison cow, calf and 58 Canada geese. Upon completion, *Pioneer Courage* will consist of 29 bronze sculptures including early pioneers with their covered wagons making their way West. All sculptures are 1.25 times life size. New

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sculptures will continue to be added to *Pioneer Courage* and the landscape that connects the two parks for the next several years.

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