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First National Bank's Mortgage Lenders Recognized Among Nation's Top Originators Scotsman Guide Releases Annual Rankings

(OMAHA, Neb. April 19, 2012) – First National Bank of Omaha mortgage professionals Eric Almquist, Becky Sandiland, Diana Foral, Angie Brookhouser and Rod Larsen are ranked among the *Scotsman Guide* 2011 Top Originators, announced Michael Fecht, Second Vice President. *Scotsman Guide*, the leading resource for mortgage originators, released its third annual list of Top Originators on April 1.

"We congratulate these professionals on their achievement and are proud of the outstanding dedication and service they provide to our customers to help them meet their mortgage needs," said Fecht.

Almquist, Sandiland, Foral, Brookhouser and Larsen were ranked among entries from more than 800 mortgage professionals across the country. To be eligible for initial consideration in *Scotsman Guide*'s Top Originators rankings, mortgage professionals must have had at least \$30 million in loan volume or 100 closed home loans for the 2011 calendar year. Only loans and volume that originators closed personally could be considered. After receiving submissions, *Scotsman Guide* required written verification of top entrants' volume from a certified public accountant, the chief financial officer at the originator's company or a similar source.

The following First National Bank Loan Originators ranked in the 'Most Closed Loans' category:

- #19 Eric Almquist with 438 closed loans
- #67 Becky Sandiland with 297 closed loans
- #107 Diana Foral with 258 closed loans
- #120 Angie Brookhouser with 246 closed loans
- #136 Rod Larsen with 229 closed loans

Eric Almquist was also ranked #83 in the 'Top Dollar Volume' category with \$83 million.

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First National Bank of Omaha is a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska has grown into the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National and its affiliates have \$17 billion in managed assets and nearly 5,000 employee associates located in 35 states. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

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