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First National Bank's Eric Almquist, Becky Sandiland Recognized Among Nation's Top Originators

OMAHA, Neb. (May 1, 2013) - First National Bank of Omaha congratulates Eric Almquist and Becky Sandiland for each being ranked as a *Scotsman Guide* 2012 Top Originator. Eric was ranked #34 in the "Most Loans Closed" category with 634 loans closed while Becky was ranked #123 in the same category with 392 loans closed. Eric was also ranked #104 in the "Top Dollar Volume" category with \$120,381,333 in mortgage volume.

Scotsman Guide, the leading resource for mortgage originators, released its fourth annual Top Originators rankings on April 1. The list, which ranks the nation's top mortgage brokers, originators and bankers, appears in *Scotsman Guide's* April 2013 residential edition, and searchable rankings are available online at scotsmanguide.com/top2012.

Eric and Becky were ranked among entries from nearly 1,500 mortgage professionals across the country. To be eligible for initial consideration in *Scotsman Guide's* Top Originators rankings, originators must have had at least \$30 million in loan volume or 100 closed home loans for the 2012 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.

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