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First National Bank and Council Bluffs, IA achieves first LEED Certification.

June 17, 2013 – Omaha, NE – First National Bank of Omaha and RDG Planning & Design announce the West Broadway Branch Bank in Council Bluffs, IA has been awarded LEED Silver Certification established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). This new facility is the first LEED for New Construction project in Council Bluffs, Iowa, as well as the first LEED certified facility for First National Bank of Omaha.

The facility serves as a branch retail facility for First National Bank of Omaha, the largest privately held banking company in the country. Programming and services include private banking offices, conference and training space, teller and customer spaces, safe deposit vault and viewing area, workroom and break room. The facility will provide full service banking services internally, as well as drive thru access.

Sustainable features of the First National West Broadway Branch:

- Advanced storm water management diversion and filtration.
- Energy Star Performance rating of 79.
- Energy cost savings per year of over 28% above the national energy standard.
- The use of low-emitting paints, coatings, adhesives, sealants, flooring materials and composite woods to reduce VOC emissions and improve indoor air quality,
- Building materials selected utilizing recycled content and originating within 500 miles of the project site.
- Development and implementation of an indoor air quality program to reduce the amount of air contaminants released into the environment during the construction phase.
- Low-flow sinks and dual-flush toilets to reduce indoor water usage by 22%.
- Additional metering equipment to measure energy usage. Enhanced Commissioning to provide ongoing assessment of equipment function.
- Management of construction waste throughout the project preventing over 95% from going to a landfill.



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

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The LEED for New Construction rating system addresses a variety of categories to help develop a holistic design in relation to site, water efficiency, energy reduction, indoor environmental quality, and materials and resources. <http://www.usgbc.org/>