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BANKFIRST BUILDING IN WINTER PARK WINS TOBY AWARD

Winter Park, Florida – (December 7, 2012) – The BankFIRST Building has been awarded The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) award for the under 100,000 square feet category given by the Orlando Chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association.

The TOBY awards are the most prestigious and comprehensive programs of their kind in the commercial real estate industry. The award recognizes quality in buildings and rewards excellence in building management. During the competition, all facets of a building's operations are thoroughly evaluated. Buildings are judged on everything from community involvement and site management to sustainability and emergency preparedness.

The BankFIRST Building is a Winter Park class A office building located on Morse Boulevard, three blocks West of Park Avenue and across the street from the Winter Park Civic Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The building is 3 stories with approximately 48,000 SF, 170 parking spaces and beautiful landscape around the property. It has first class finishes in its interior and exterior which along with its location make the BankFIRST Building a prestige office building in the Winter Park area.

About BankFIRST

Since its founding in 1989 as a state-chartered, federally insured commercial bank, BankFIRST has grown its assets to over \$680 million. Situated in Central Florida, BankFIRST has twelve branch offices located in Orange, Seminole, Lake, Brevard, and Volusia Counties, and has approximately 140 employees. BankFIRST provides commercial banking services, including real estate, construction and commercial loans, primarily to individuals and small and medium-sized businesses.

BankFIRST has been the recipient of numerous awards including: "Best Community Bank in Central Florida" by the readers of the Orlando Business Journal in 2006 and 2009, "Best Bank in Seminole County" in 2008 and 2009, "2009 Business Achievement Award for Civic and

Community Efforts” by the Lake Eustis Chamber of Commerce, US Small Business Administration’s “#1 Community Bank SBA Lender” designation in the North Florida District, and the “#1 Small Business Lender in Florida”. For more information on BankFIRST, visit www.bankfirst.com.

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