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Business First Bank's Vicky Meyer Selected for Banking On the Leaders of Tomorrow

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA – Jude Melville, President and Chief Executive Officer of Business First Bank, today announced the selection of Vicky Meyer, Assistant Vice President, to participate in BOLT (Banking On the Leaders of Tomorrow). BOLT is a professional development program hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank. Participants were nominated by the Louisiana Bankers Association.

"We are very excited to have a Business First Bank employee selected to participate in this premier development program. To have Vicky singled out for this program by an organization such as Louisiana Bankers Association reflects on her leadership and technical qualities that are apparent to the bank, her customers, and outside groups that she works with."

Vicky Meyer has been with Business First Bank since 2010 serving as Head Teller, CSR, Banking Center Manager, and now as Assistant Vice President and Branch Operations Officer. In her current position she leads an operations team assisting Managers, Assistant Managers and Tellers in solving problems and providing service to customers.

About Business First Bank
Business First Bank operates 19 offices, including 16 banking centers, two loan production offices and one wealth solutions office in markets across Louisiana and Texas. Business First Bank provides commercial and personal

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banking, treasury management and wealth solutions services to private businesses and their owners, operators, executives and employees. Business First Bank was chosen as one of *Baton Rouge Business Report*'s Top Companies to Work for in 2014 and 2015.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this news release may not be based on historical facts and are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements may be identified by their reference to a future period or periods or by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "may," "might," "will," "would," "could," or "intend." We caution you not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this news release, in that actual results could differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors. We undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date of this news release.