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State-Banking Examiners receive Certifications

LINCOLN – Twenty state banking regulators were awarded examiner certifications Thursday, Dec. 30, taking advantage of a new examiner program offered by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS).

CSBS is a professional organization comprised of officials responsible for regulating the banking industries within each state. In addition to promoting the dual-banking system, sponsoring relevant schooling and representing the interests of state banks at the national level, CSBS also provides an examiner certification program.

“It is the only certification program directed specifically to commercial bank examiners,” said Ray Pont, Deputy Director.

The certification program was introduced last year as a means to encourage consistency, continuing education and nation-wide standardized training for banking regulators, said Sam Baird, director of Nebraska Dept. of Banking & Finance.

The certification program offers four different examiner certification levels – Certified Operations Examiner (COE), Certified Credit Examiner (CCE), Certified Examiner-In-Charge (CEIC), and Certified Examinations Manager (CEM) – depending on the various duties examiners will be required to perform.

All examiners had to complete selected coursework and a minimum of 12 months on-the-job service and training in order to qualify. Once certified, examiners will be required to further their education with at least nine continuing education credits during a three-year period. After three years, an examiner must be re-certified.

Following are the examiners and the type of certification he/she received:

Certified Operations Examiner

Linda Scholl

Certified Credit Examiner

William Bergh

Donald Grieser

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Certified Examiner In Charge

James Asmussen
Kenneth Brestel
Neil Butler
Paul Carpenter
Michael Cornelius
Gregory Freese
James McTygue
Michael Miller
Perry Neill
Duane Norden
Michael Rafferty
Steven Schepers
Kenneth Spellmeyer

Certified Examinations Manager

Jim Davis
Joel Fanders
Kelly Lammers
Nick Lenzen

Previously certified through CSBS are: Kent Plummer, CEM in March 1999; and Tony Kriz, CEM in June 1999.

Additional information concerning CSBS is available at their website: <http://www.csbsdal.org/>.

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