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Leader Bank Ranked 9th in the 2011 National List of Top Performing Banks by the ABA Banking Journal

July 1, 2011, Arlington, MA. — Leader Bank is proud to announce that it ranked 9th within its peer group in the ABA Banking Journal's 2011 National List of Top Performing Banks.

The rankings focus on financial institutions that offer traditional banking services and are determined based on each institution's return on average equity (ROAE) for 2010. Financial institutions are placed into one of four groups, based upon asset size and corporate structure. Leader Bank ranked 9th in the nation among "non-S-corporation banks and thrifts with totals assets of \$100 million to \$3 billion."

In the ABA Banking Journal article "Banking's Top Performers 2011" that reported on the current rankings, authors Vanessa Mambrino and Nick Robin of the Capital Performance Group stated, "As in years past, top performing community banks tended to be those who were best able to capitalize on recent trends – rising asset values, increased refinancing activity, and, of course, low interest rates (and costs of funding)."

"I am proud that Leader Bank has made the Journal's Top Performers List, and that our hard work has resulted in our rise from a ranking of #40 in 2010 to #9 in 2011," stated Sushil K. Tuli, President and CEO of Leader Bank. "Leader Bank has continued to thrive in an environment that includes more regulation and increased competition to become a leader in the industry. We firmly believe that Leader Bank's continued success is a direct result of our commitment to quality customer service; I have no doubt that this vision will continue to reap positive results."

Leader Bank: "A Step Ahead"

About Leader Bank

Leader Bank is a nationally chartered bank founded in 2002 with five full-service branches in Arlington, Cambridge, Belmont and Burlington. Leader Bank offers a full range of personal and business banking products including free personal and business checking accounts, commercial and residential lending products, home equity lines of credit, deposit products with highly competitive rates and free online banking and bill payment services.

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