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***Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) names
Primary Bank as 2016 Bank of the Year and Joe Conway of
Sugar River Bank, 2016 Commercial Lender of the Year***

CONCORD, N.H. - The Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) is pleased to announce that two awards were presented at its Annual Banker Celebration recently held at the Audubon Society in Concord.

The first award recognized ***Primary Bank as CRDC's Bank of the Year***. The award according to CRDC Executive Director, Stephen Heavener is based on highest dollar volume of lending of loans referred to CRDC in the fiscal year ending September 30.

“CRDC is a non-profit development corporation, and relies heavily on our relationships within the banking industry to achieve our mission,” says Heavener. “Primary Bank in its first year in operation has proven its vitality in the marketplace. We work closely with many New Hampshire banks, but clearly Primary Bank has been a lead supporter of our work this fiscal year and we recognize their support through this award and congratulate them on a successful first year of operation.”

Bill Stone, Primary Bank President and CEO applauded CRDC for its continued mission-driven focus and their assistance with gap financing, “CRDC has been an integral part of Primary Bank’s success this first year in operation. Their programs have helped our customers with some of that gap funding needed to reach their business goals. CRDC is a true partner for Primary Bank, and we appreciate the work they do for our customers.”

About CRDC

Capital Regional Development Council (CRDC) is a non-profit development corporation that provides a variety of economic development services to businesses and local governments throughout New Hampshire. The Capital Regional Development Council is a mission driven non-profit focused on offering programs that result in private sector job creation and local property tax base enhancement.

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