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JOHN BARBELLA JOINS BANKFIRST'S STORED VALUE SOLUTIONS DIVISION

MINNEAPOLIS – BankFirst, a subsidiary of Marshall BankFirst Corp., announced the appointment of John Barbella as Senior Vice President of their Stored Value Solutions division. As Senior Vice President, Barbella is responsible for developing, implementing and driving new business opportunities within the pre-paid card arena.

As a successful business builder, Barbella will bring years of experience in sales, marketing, business development and significant P & L management to BankFirst. He will lead efforts to develop new solutions to meet the emerging needs of BankFirst business partners.

“I am very excited about my new role with BankFirst. As cash and check payments diminish, credit, debit and pre-paid payments will flourish. BankFirst is very well positioned to play a leadership role in the pre-paid arena. The sky is the limit for this organization,” said Barbella.

Barbella will report to Jeremy Kuiper, Managing Director of Stored Value Solutions. “We are very fortunate to have John join our team. Adding John allows us to expand our capabilities in support of our existing business partners as well as attracting new partnerships. His wealth of experience in the financial services sector, specifically within pre-paid, makes him an immediate contributor to the organization,” said Kuiper.

Barbella comes to BankFirst with more than 15 years of experience with Deluxe Corporation, the world's largest check printing organization. He most recently served as Director of Business Development where he was responsible for the delivery of non-check solutions to build new platforms for growth for the mature check business. Prior to this position, he worked as Director of Client Marketing where he developed and executed strategies to maintain Deluxe's position as the premier provider of checks and related services.

Barbella will be based in Minneapolis and will begin immediately.

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About Marshall BankFirst Corp.

Marshall BankFirst Corp. is a \$600 million bank holding company headquartered in Minneapolis. The organization was created with the January 2005 merger of Marshall Bank, N.A. (Minneapolis) and BankFirst (Sioux Falls, South Dakota). Along with its affiliate investment bank, The Marshall Group, Marshall BankFirst Corp. specializes in loan originations and participations, stored value cards and residential mortgage lending.