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BLACKHAWK VP RECEIVES PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

ROCKFORD, IL (December 10, 2008)—Blackhawk Bank has announced that Kevin Busker, Vice President Cash Management, recently earned the designation of Certified Treasury Professional (CTP).

To earn a CTP designation, Busker had to pass an extensive, multi-hour exam that tested his mastery of knowledge and skills that are required by treasury professionals to execute critical functions related to corporate liquidity, capital and risk management.

Todd Larson, Senior Vice President Business Banking stated, “In the financial sector, CTP designation applies to highly skilled industry professionals who are an asset to their organization and meet the standards of an internationally recognized organization. Kevin’s success with the CTP exam is a direct benefit to Blackhawk Bank’s commercial clients as we work to provide them with solutions for cash management services. We applaud his accomplishments.”

Blackhawk operates eight banking centers in Beloit, WI; Roscoe, Machesney Park, Rockford, Belvidere and Capron, IL. For more information about the bank, log onto www.blackhawkbank.com.

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