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**United Republic Bank Announces Operations and Commercial Lending Expansion**

(Omaha, NE) – Mike Pate, President and CEO of United Republic Bank announced the additions to the bank’s management team.

Stephen McCown has been hired as Chief Operating Officer and Cashier. With a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Mr. McCown has over 26 years of banking experience. He is active in the community serving in various capacities including service in the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry, acting as a Teammates Mentor, and is a Millard North Band Booster.

Claude Sears has been hired as Vice President, Commercial Lending. “My years of experience allow me to provide my clients with the professional standards of honesty, fairness and sound judgment,” said Mr. Sears. With over 30 years lending and banking experience, he is active in the Millard Business Association.

“We are very pleased and fortunate to have such talented, experienced individuals as part of our management team. Their leadership, experience and service to our community will help us to continue building the foundation we need to be the best community bank in the region”, says Pate.

United Republic Bank is a locally owned and locally managed bank located at 180<sup>th</sup> and Burke St. For more information, call 402.505.8500 or visit [unitedrepublicbank.com](http://unitedrepublicbank.com). Equal Housing Lender. Member FDIC.