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## **Regional Magazine Features Johnson as 40 under 40**

*Grand Forks, N.D., December 6, 2011* – **Brian L. Johnson**, chief executive officer at Choice Financial, has been selected as one of *Prairie Business* magazine's fourth annual "40 under 40."

The nominees submitted to *Prairie Business* for 40 under 40 are for business professionals who are making a difference in their regions. Nominees and recipients of the award are from North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, and are elected by two judges.

Johnson has been with Choice Financial since 1999. Prior to becoming CEO, he was chief operating officer, and has also served as president of the bank's Walhalla, N.D. location, chief credit officer, and market president for the bank's two locations in Grand Forks, N.D. Johnson is also a member of the company's board of directors, senior credit committee, and executive management team.

Johnson graduated from Jamestown College with a business management and economics degree. He was recently named to the Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce board of directors, and Federal Reserve's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council and was named a Rising Star by *Northwestern Financial Review* in 2006. He and his family reside in Grand Forks.

Choice Financial is a premier provider of financial solutions, with nine locations in North Dakota, including two in the Grand Forks area.

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