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Lead Business Advisors Announces New Roles for Chesterman and Harris

Kansas City, MO (April 2014) Lead Business Advisors, a division of the 86-year-old financial institution, Lead Bank of Lee's Summit, MO, has appointed Patrick Chesterman to Senior Managing Director and Clint Harris to Senior Director of Corporate Finance for Lead Business Advisors. Chesterman was previously Division President at Inergy L.P. and Chief Operating Officer at Ferrellgas. Harris was previously Vice President of Ascend Learning, a healthcare-focused education technology company, and is a Principal at Chadwick Partners. Combined, both Chesterman and Harris have extensive and varied business backgrounds with experience in finance, operations and transactions, acquisitions, joint ventures, capital advisory work and IPO's.

Lead Business Advisors provides financial, operational and strategic advice to businesses across the Kansas City area. By offering monthly bookkeeping services, financial statement preparation, budget creation and reporting, as well as strategic and operational advising services, Lead Business Advisors provide outside expertise and guidance to help owners and senior executives better run their businesses. Lead Business Advisors' team is equipped with the know-how to assist companies with all aspects of their growth strategy, including mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and succession planning. With the unique capability to understand both sides of the balance sheet, Lead Business Advisors services are a cost-effective and creative way for businesses to grow profitably, streamline operations and gain additional market share.

Lead Business Advisors' goals are to provide financial leadership in Kansas City, evolving to meet the demands of clients and the needs of their businesses. "By bringing on Chesterman and Harris, Lead Business Advisors can now create more robust and intense client engagements to help them gain market share, capture new markets, defeat competitors, and achieve business goals," said Josh Rowland, Executive Director of Lead Business Advisors and Vice Chairman of Lead Bank. "Clint Harris brings with him a tremendous skillset. Having experience in complex financing matters and deal making, Clint will help our clients make better strategic financial decisions such as how to acquire, be acquired and restructure their business. Patrick Chesterman's business sense and private sector leadership experience is first-rate, as is his approach to client engagement. With Patrick and Clint taking on more day-to-day leadership within Lead Business Advisors, we will now offer a higher level of service in helping clients win any battle they might be facing," Josh added.

Lead Business Advisors, a division of Lead Bank, provides strategic, operational and financial advice to businesses. Advice ranges from transactional business brokerage to M&A, project consultation to succession planning, and interim executive support to monthly bookkeeping services. The Lead Business Advisors team of dedicated professionals works with companies to help them achieve their business goals. As an independent entity of an 86-year-old financial institution that has helped thousands of businesses, Lead Business Advisors has a broad, historical perspective that delivers smart financial solutions for business owners, managers, their families and the communities they live in. With two Missouri locations, Garden City and Lee's Summit, Lead Bank also provides treasury management, lending services and personal client products. For additional information about Lead Business Advisors, visit <https://www.leadbankonline.com/business-advisor.htm> or call directly at (816) 874.4960.