

## **TWO FIRST HOME BANK SBA LENDING EXPERTS RECEIVE COLEMAN 2022 SBA LENDER PROFESSIONAL AWARD**

*Regional Sales Manager Chris Hackney and VP Alan Peterson Recognized as Emerging  
SBA Lenders of the Year*

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (March 9, 2022)** – St. Petersburg-based community bank, First Home Bank is proud to announce that two of its SBA Lending Officers have received of the Coleman Emerging SBA Lenders of the Year Award, given to nominees under 40 who have made a positive impact on SBA lending and the small business community.

Regional Sales Manager Christopher Hackney and VP SBA Lending Officer Alan Peterson were nominated by First Home Bank President Tom Zernick for their contributions to not only the US small businesses they assisted in 2021 but also to the Bank's SBA division, which emerged as the No. 1 SBA lender in Tampa Bay for SBA Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021, and a top 15 nationwide SBA lender through Q1 2022.

"Chris and Alan represent the best of the best in SBA lending, and I feel fortunate to call them both colleagues and friends," said Tom Zernick, President of First Home Bank's SBA Division, CreditBench. "They are industry leaders with a proven ability to help small businesses reach their goals through personalized support, community outreach and education, and I look forward to seeing their impact continue to grow throughout their careers."

Peterson joined the bank's SBA lending division in December of 2020 while Hackney has been with First Home Bank since 2017. Combined the two have more than 17 years of experience in commercial lending and leadership.

The Coleman Professional SBA Lender Awards are presented by Coleman, the leading provider of information to small business bankers. Coleman also produces training for small business bankers and publishes The Coleman Report trade newsletter and two daily email reports. Both will be honored later this spring at an event in Las Vegas hosted by Coleman Report.

### **About First Home Bank**

Headquartered in St. Petersburg, First Home Bank operates seven banking centers in the Tampa Bay area and originates residential mortgages through 23 loan production offices nationwide. In addition to residential mortgages, First Home Bank offers a broad range of retail and business banking services, including small business loans through its SBA loan division, CreditBench, and is one of the top producing SBA lenders in the country. Since it opened in 1999, First Home Bank has grown exponentially without losing sight of its commitment to making an impact in the community and being there for what's next in the lives of its customers. For more information visit: [www.firsthomebank.com](http://www.firsthomebank.com).

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