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**TOTALBANK RECEIVES THREE AWARDS FROM CHAMBER SOUTH**

MIAMI—April 26, 2012—TotalBank has won three awards at this year's Chamber South Business Excellence Awards. The Business Excellence Awards recognize excellence in business leadership and honors businesses in the community that achieve outstanding success regardless of circumstance.

TotalBank won in the following categories:

- Best Corporate Citizen (25+ Employees)
- High Growth Award
- Business Champion Award

"On behalf of everyone at TotalBank, we are honored to be recognized by Chamber South and the business community of South Dade," said Luis de la Aguilera, TotalBank president and chief marketing officer.

The Best Corporate Citizen Award was given in recognition of TotalBank's volunteer efforts. TotalBank has approached volunteerism the same way it does banking, and attributes its success to the combined energies and efforts of each team member—from bank teller to CEO. Committed to the community, both collectively and individually, the Bank works to make a difference by applying the same drive, enthusiasm, and standards its customers have come to expect.

The High Growth Award acknowledged TotalBank's employee count growing more than 20 percent since June 2009. Significant growth came from the addition of new departments and services focused on consumers, and Small & Medium Enterprises (SME's). Over the past two years, the Bank launched a new residential lending program and wealth management program to support its target market and continue its activities as a leading SBA lender in South Florida.

The Business Champion Award was decided from among all the nominees.

**About TotalBank**

TotalBank is a leading integrated retail-commercial bank in South Florida with more than \$2.3 billion in assets and 19 convenient locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Headquartered in Miami, TotalBank has served the South Florida community for 38 years, offering a broad range of domestic and international financial services to corporations, small businesses and individual consumers. The

bank offers superior customer service focused on meeting the financial needs of customers while earning their confidence and loyalty. A member of Grupo Banco Popular Español, with more than \$200 billion in assets and 2,500 branches, TotalBank is strengthened by its parent, one of the largest banking groups in Spain. More information can be found at [www.totalbank.com](http://www.totalbank.com).

### **About Chamber South**

As a chamber of commerce for the greater south Miami-Dade County, Chamber South strives to improve the lives of their citizens by enhancing their economic welfare. They act as a leading advocate for businesses by stimulating growth and shielding local economies from deterioration, and give their members an edge over the competition by providing them with great member benefits. Chamber South has become an effective voice for the business community due in part to their valuable committees and task forces. They provide their members with the opportunities essential to business growth such as networking events, information updates, and discounted services. Chamber South is The Small Business Champion since 1931! To learn more visit us at [www.ChamberSouth.com](http://www.ChamberSouth.com) or on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/ChamberSouth](http://www.Facebook.com/ChamberSouth).

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