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Ankeny, Iowa (March 25, 2026) – Availa Bank is pleased to announce the hiring of Dan Kitzinger as the new EVP, Chief Banking Officer. In this role, Kitzinger will develop, communicate, and execute a cohesive strategy across all banking divisions to drive responsible growth and deepen client relationships. As a key member of the executive leadership team, he contributes to the overall strategic direction of the institution.

Kitzinger brings over 20 years of community and regional banking experience to Availa Bank. In his past roles, he built strong leadership skills and has significant experience in commercial lending as well as middle market commercial real estate lending.

Kitzinger's experience goes beyond the banking industry. Outside of work, he has been actively involved with the chambers of commerce in several communities he's lived in, was a member of development corporations across Iowa and Minnesota, and volunteers his time as a coach and leader for multiple youth sports organizations.

"I am very pleased to have Dan Kitzinger join the Availa Bank team," said Jeff Scharfenkamp, President and CEO. "He has a very diverse background, and that combined with his strong communication and leadership skills makes him the ideal candidate to take on the role of our Chief Banking Officer."

Kitzinger has lived in Adel since 2018 and has been in the Des Moines area off and on since 1999. He spent some time in the Twin Cities metro area, and over four years in northwest Iowa. He's been married for over 25 years and has three children.

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About Availa Bank: Availa Bank's roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank's mission – to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Pocahontas, Sioux City, and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC