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## **Bank of North Dakota Leadership Class Assists In Forming North Dakota Jump\$tart Coalition**

Bank of North Dakota (BND) recently graduated its third Leadership Class for Bank employees to enhance and develop their leadership ability on both a personal and professional level. Ten employees began the program in September 2006.

The eight-month program includes three primary components – education relating to the banking industry and BND, hands on development of leadership skills, and a team project. Instructors of the program include both internal and external experts in various fields ranging from negotiation and strategic planning, to public speaking.

A core component of the program includes a community project to illustrate the benefits of giving back and serving others. The BND Leadership Class team project assisted in developing the North Dakota Jumpstart Coalition. The new organization's objective is to provide educational resources to improve the financial literacy of all North Dakotans.

This year's graduates include Dorena Blumhagen, Annette Curl, Jessi Hauck, Carinna Hendrickson, Lance Hill, Audree McLean, Jamie Mertz, Leslie Moszer, Julie Oglesby and Bonnie Schneider.

As the only state-owned bank in the nation, Bank of North Dakota is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven as Chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. BND was established in 1919 to encourage and promote agriculture, commerce and industry in North Dakota.

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