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Central Bank Receives Top Honor from USDA

Central Bank Illinois was recently awarded top honors by the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development as a Million Dollar Lender in Illinois. The recognition is made annually to lenders that excel in using the federal agency's guaranteed loan program to increase home ownership.

"Central Bank has demonstrated its commitment to helping borrowers afford their first home or upgrade to a better home," said Carol Cerqua, a Rural Development specialist in the agency's Princeton's office. "We are extremely pleased with Central Bank's achievement. Their commitment to helping borrowers get a loan they can afford for the house they really want is not only good for borrowers; it's good for the local economy, too."



L to R: Carol Cerqua, USDA; Chris Isaacson, Assistant Vice President Geneseo; Betty Fisher, Mortgage Loan Originator Princeton; Marlene Ashpole, Assistant Vice President Geneseo; Karrie Kenney, Assistant Vice President Fulton; and Jeff DeSplinter, USDA.

Central Bank used Rural Development's guarantee to generate more than \$3 million in affordable home loans this year. With the Rural Development guarantee, Central Bank can offer 100 percent loans with no required down payment, no monthly mortgage insurance (PMI), no maximum purchase price, competitive fixed market rate interest, and 30-year terms. The program includes flexible credit guidelines and generous income limits.

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