## SBA Awards Community Banks for being the Top Lender to Area Businesses

## THE BANK OF holland

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The Bank of Holland and The Bank of Northern Michigan have together been designated as the SBA Community Lender of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. For this award, SBA specifically looks for lenders who have made a major impact in their communities through the use of SBA loan programs.

In attaining the SBA award, The Bank of Northern Michigan and The Bank of Holland together generated loan volume that ranked among the top 3% of the 2,000 banks nationwide that originate SBA loans. The Bank of Northern Michigan and The Bank of Holland together are also the #1 Michigan-based lender for SBA loan approvals having originated more than \$31 million in SBA loans so far during SBA fiscal 2011.

The award is the second such honor for these banks. Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture jointly recognized both as its Business & Industry Lender of the Year for providing community businesses with more than \$25 million in USDA business and industry loans during 2010.