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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY ANNOUNCES OFFICER PROMOTION, OTHER CHANGES

The following promotion and changes in responsibility were recently announced by Thomas M. Hoenig, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City:

Denise Connor has been promoted to senior vice president and will oversee a large payment project on behalf of the Federal Reserve System's Retail Products Office. She joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in 1987 and was promoted to assistant vice president in 1998. In 2000, she was named vice president of the Central Check User Support Department. She transferred to the Check Automation Services Department in 2005 and has led the System's efforts to modernize the Check 21 processing platform during the last year. She holds an MBA in economics and finance and a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Alan Barkema, who has been senior vice president of Regional, Public and Community Affairs since 2005, has been named director of research and senior vice president of Economic Research. He will be responsible for coordinating the Bank's research activities. He joined the Bank in 1986 as a research economist and was promoted to assistant vice president in 1994. He served a three-year term as professor and head of the Agricultural Economics Department at Oklahoma State University before returning to the Bank in 1999 as vice president. He holds an MS degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in economics from Iowa State. He is assuming responsibilities held by Gordon Sellon, who is retiring at year-end.

Diane Raley, senior vice president, public information officer and Board of Directors secretary, will assume responsibility for the Regional, Public and Community Affairs Division. She joined the Bank as a supervisor in the Public Affairs Department in 1998 and was promoted to assistant vice president and public information officer in 2001. She was named vice president in 2004 and senior vice president in 2009. She holds a bachelor's in communications from the University of Cincinnati.

