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**BankRI Hires Joseph Brito as VP, Business Banking Relationship Manager**

*Veteran financial professional with longtime commercial lending experience focuses on meeting financial needs of businesses in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts communities*

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.** – Furthering its commitment to meeting the financial needs of local businesses, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** has grown its commercial banking team, hiring Joseph Brito as Vice President, Business Banking Relationship Manager.

Brito joined BankRI in June 2019. Most recently, he was VP, Business Banking Relationship Manager with Santander Bank. Previously, Brito spent 13 years at Citizens Bank in a variety of positions as a member of the bank’s Rhode Island Senior Leadership Team.

In his role, Brito is responsible for developing and maintaining commercial lending and deposit relationships throughout BankRI’s service area of Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts.

“Joe is a great addition to the BankRI team and an asset to existing and potential customers alike,” said Manny Barrows, Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking for BankRI. “From understanding the needs of local businesses to being deeply dedicated to each and every client, Joe embodies the personalized approach to relationship banking that sets BankRI apart from others.”

A resident of Smithfield with his family, Joseph holds a BA in Business from the University of Phoenix, and is a graduate of the OMEGA Commercial Credit Training Program.

**About Bank Rhode Island**

Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 20 branches and more than 45 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent, Newport and Washington Counties. For more information, visit [www.bankri.com](http://www.bankri.com). You can also find BankRI on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BankRhodeIsland](https://www.facebook.com/BankRhodeIsland).

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