

2021 BEST OF
FinXTech Awards
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Methodology Statement

The Best of FinXTech Awards recognize the efforts of the emerging and established financial technology solutions within our FinXTech Connect platform that help meet a financial institution's strategic needs, from growing revenues to creating efficiencies to reducing risk.

All of the technology companies considered for the awards have been vetted and can be found within our Connect platform. The solutions cannot pay to be included in the platform. Bank Director began collecting submissions from eligible companies late last year, which were evaluated based on demonstrated results between January 2019 and January 2021, as well as innovation, collaboration and stability, determined through funding and the size of the company's bank client base.

Five semi-finalists were selected per category; these categories represent the industry's broad needs to improve lending processes, customer experience, operations, and compliance and risk. Semi-finalists were then further examined through interviews with bank clients. The strength of that feedback and reported outcomes determined our finalists.

To determine our winners, we relied on a panel of industry experts. Each judge completed a survey that asked them to select solutions that best demonstrate innovation and success within a particular category. They were provided extensive information about each finalist. The judges also selected a "Best of FinXTech Connect" — a best overall — from the category winners.

The Judges

Kara Baldwin
Partner
Crowe LLP

Karen Garrett
Partner
Stinson LLP

Scott Hiemstra
Sales Director, Financial
Services
CDW

David Koscheski
Director, U.S. Financial
Services
Microsoft Corp.

David Mansfield
CEO
Provident Bancorp

Scott Mills, APR
President
William Mills Agency

David Ness
Vice President, Innovation
U.S. Bank

Chris Nichols
Director of Capital Markets
SouthState Bank

Daniel Schutte
Managing Director,
Accelerator Programs
The Venture Center

Ron Shevlin
Director of Research
Cornerstone Advisors

Frank Sorrentino III
Chairman & CEO
ConnectOne Bancorp

Eric Sprink
CEO
Coastal Financial Corp.

Jeff Starke
Chief Technology Officer
Bank OZK

John Symcox
Director of Innovation
First Fidelity Bank

Chris Tremont
VP, Virtual Banking
LendingClub Bank

Kevin Tweddle
Senior Executive VP,
Community Bank Solutions
Independent Community
Bankers of America

Overall, the Best of FinXTech Awards place the greatest value on demonstrated results, seeking to award solutions with a track record for success.

If you represent a technology company that is currently working with financial institutions and would like to be considered for FinXTech Connect, please [click here](#) to submit your company for consideration.