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Jason Scheopner Named to Filene Research Institute's i3 Program

OMAHA – Centris Federal Credit Union's Jason Scheopner is one of 29 credit union innovators selected for inclusion in the latest cohort of the Filene Research Institute's i3 Program. This two-year program is designed to equip top credit union professionals with the mindset, tools and network to lead and shape the credit union of the 21st century.

Scheopner currently serves as vice president, strategy and planning, at Centris. A native of Goodland, Kan., he joined the Centris team in 2022.

"We're incredibly proud of Jason's inclusion in this cohort and are excited by his potential to positively affect change, not only at Centris but throughout the credit union industry," said Centris Federal Credit Union President and CEO Steve Swanstrom.

i3 program participants learn cutting-edge innovation competencies in three core categories – facilitating innovation, accelerating learning, and mobilizing people and resources to inspire action that leads to change. They create impact through their work in cross-functional teams to explore and address some of the credit union industry's most pressing challenges as identified by Filene's Think Tank and backed by research from Filene's Centers of Excellence.

"I am honored and excited to be a member of this next i3 cohort," Scheopner said. "This opportunity to work with and learn from passionate, like-minded credit union professionals focused on making a difference by introducing innovative change and expanding the boundaries of the credit union movement will be transformational for my leadership, Centris and the industry."

Centris Federal Credit Union, founded in 1934, is one of Nebraska's largest federally chartered community credit unions. Centris serves Douglas, Sarpy, Lincoln, McPherson and Pottawattamie counties, and has 15 offices located in Omaha, Grand Island, North Platte and Tryon, Neb., and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Centris has been voted Omaha Magazine's Best Credit Union for 14 consecutive years. For more information, visit <u>www.centrisfcu.org</u>.