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## **Business First of Louisville names Thomas Mueller 2012 CFO of the Year**

**LOUISVILLE, KY** – June 21, 2012 – River Road Asset Management, LLC (“River Road”) announced today that Thomas D. Mueller, the company’s Chief Operations Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, has been recognized by *Business First of Louisville* as one of the region’s leading financial officers. Mr. Mueller was announced as a winner for the Business First’s 2012 CFO of the Year award based on his professional achievements during his seven years at River Road. He was recognized as the top CFO in the Medium Private Company category on June 21, 2012 during an event at The Henry Clay in Downtown Louisville. The CFO of the Year publication will appear in *Business First* on June 22.

“Tom has been a key contributor to River Road’s overall success and is especially deserving of this recognition,” said River Road’s President & CEO, R. Andrew Beck.

Mr. Mueller serves in the dual role of Chief Operations Officer and Chief Compliance Officer. In this role, Mr. Mueller is responsible for supervising all back-office, compliance, and accounting functions for River Road. He also serves on the firm's Executive Committee. Prior to joining River Road, Mr. Mueller served as Manager of Operations for SMC Capital, Inc. and Senior Vice President for Citizens Security Life Insurance.

Mr. Mueller earned a B.A. in Business Administration with a major in Accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. He became a Certified Public Accountant in 1994. Mr. Mueller earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 2004 and is a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Louisville.

***River Road Asset Management, LLC*** is an institutional asset management firm based in Louisville, KY.

*The firm specializes in value-oriented equity investment management. With nearly \$7 billion in assets<sup>1</sup>, River Road provides institutional separate account and investment sub-advisory services to a broad range of domestic and international clients. River Road’s strategies are available to retail investors through mutual funds offered by Aston Asset Management. River Road is an Aviva Investors company.*

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<sup>1</sup>As of March 31, 2012

<sup>2</sup>As of December 31, 2010

<sup>3</sup>As of June 30, 2011