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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 11, 2013

# PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

	Tennessee	000-31225	62-1812853		
	(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer		
	of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)		
	150 Third Avenue South, Suite 900	0, Nashville, Tennessee	37201		
	(Address of principal execu	ntive offices)	(Zip Code)		
	Registrant' s teleph	none number, including area code: (6	615) 744-3700		
	N/A				
	(Former nar	me or former address, if changed since last re	port)		
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under any	of the following provisions (see General I	Instruction A.2. below):			
	☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)				
	□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)				
	Pre-commencement communications purs	suant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exch	ange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))		
	Pre-commencement communications purs	suant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Excha	ange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))		

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) <u>Restricted Stock Unit Awards</u>. On January 11, 2013, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. (the "Company") adopted and approved the form of Named Executive Officers 2013 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (the "RSU Award Agreement"), which governs grants of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") for those employees that are expected to be identified as the Company's "Named Executive Officers" in the Company's proxy statement for its 2013 annual meeting of shareholders (the "Named Executive Officers").

Pursuant to the terms of the RSU Award Agreements, the Committee granted the Named Executive Officers RSUs that will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Common Stock"). The number of shares of Common Stock that a Named Executive Officer will be entitled to receive in settlement of the RSUs, if any, will be determined based on the Company's audited fully diluted net income per share of Common Stock (exclusive of the calculated impact of any merger-related charges or any other nonrecurring charge the Committee deems appropriate) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 ("FDEPS"). The maximum number of shares that each Named Executive Officer will be entitled to receive pursuant to the RSU Award Agreement are as follows:

Employee	Maximum Number of Shares of Common Stock
M. Terry Turner	48,246
Robert A. McCabe, Jr.	45,614
Hugh M. Queener	13,983
Harold R. Carpenter	13,983
Harvey White	13,983

All RSUs will be settled in shares of Common Stock, as soon as practicable following the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013, but in no event later than March 15, 2014. All shares of Common Stock issued to the Named Executive Officers, if any, upon settlement of the RSUs will be subject to further restrictions upon issuance including forfeiture restrictions that shall lapse in equal 20% increments on February 28, 2015, February 28, 2016, February 28, 2017, February 28, 2018 and February 28, 2019 (each a "Vesting Date"); provided, that such Named Executive Officer is employed by the Company on the Vesting Date (unless the Named Executive Officer's failure to be employed is the result of death or disability in which case the forfeiture restrictions will lapse upon the employee's termination resulting therefrom) and the ratio of Pinnacle Bank's classified assets to the sum of Pinnacle Bank's Tier 1 capital and the allowance for loan losses (the "Classified Assets Ratio") in each case as of December 31 of the fiscal year ending immediately prior to each Vesting Date is less than a predetermined Classified Assets Ratio established by the Committee between January 1 and March 31 of the fiscal year for which the Classified Assets Ratio is applicable.

Any shares of Common Stock for which the performance targets identified above are not met will be immediately forfeited and the award recipient will have no further rights with respect to such shares of Common Stock; provided, however, that if the Committee determines that an event has occurred during any fiscal year after fiscal year 2013 which is outside the ordinary course and has impacted the Classified Assets Ratio for such fiscal year, the Committee will have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to increase or decrease the performance targets to reflect such event for purposes of determining whether the forfeiture restrictions with respect to such shares shall lapse for that fiscal year and for any or all future fiscal years.

No certificates representing shares of Common Stock issued in settlement of the RSUs will be issued to the Named Executive Officers and such shares of Restricted Stock may not be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered or disposed of, in each case, prior to the date the forfeiture restrictions with respect to such shares have lapsed, if at all, on the Vesting Date for such shares.

The foregoing summary of the RSU Award Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of RSU Award Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

2013 Cash Incentive Plan. On January 11, 2013, the Committee approved the Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. 2013 Annual Cash Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Pursuant to the Plan, all employees of the Company compensated via a predetermined salary or hourly wage, including the Named Executive Officers, are eligible to receive cash incentive payments ranging from 10 percent to 100 percent of the participant's base salary in the event that (i) the Company meets or exceeds: (A) targeted levels of FDEPS, (B) soundness thresholds tied to the Classified Assets Ratio and (C) targeted levels of total revenue, expressed as the sum of the Company's net interest income plus noninterest income excluding gains (or losses) on the sale of investment securities (or any other unusual items as determined by the Committee), and (ii) in certain cases, the employee meets certain individual performance objectives. Each participant will be assigned an "award tier" based on their position within the Company, their experience level or other factors. Participant awards may be increased or decreased by the participant's performance evaluation for 2013 such that the participant's target award may be adjusted up or down based on their final performance rating.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 10.1 Form of Named Executive Officers 2013 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement
- 10.2 Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. 2013 Annual Cash Incentive Plan

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.

By: /s/ Harold R. Carpenter

Name: Harold R. Carpenter

Title: Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 17, 2013

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	
No.	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Form of Named Executive Officers 2013 Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement
10.2	Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. 2013 Annual Cash Incentive Plan

### PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.

# NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2013 RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

THIS RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is by and between Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc., a Tennessee corporation (the "Company"), and (the "Grantee"). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

representing the right to receive up to a maximum of

Restricted Units) of Restricted Stock to the Grantee.

hereof.

Section 1. Restricted Stock Unit Award. (a) The Grantee is hereby granted a restricted stock unit (the "Restricted Unit")

\$1.00 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), as set forth herein. The number of shares of Restricted Stock to be issued to the

shares (the "Restricted Stock") of the Company's common stock,

audited full nonrecurrir "Compensa	ly diluted net incoming charge the Hum	me per common share (exclusive can Resources and Compensation Compensa	ned by reference to the range set forth of the calculated impact of any merg Committee of the Board of Directors year ended December 31, 2013 ("FI	er-related charges, or any other of the Company (the
a.	-	] then the Restricted Unit shall be to this Agreement.	forfeited and no shares of Restricted	1 Stock shall be issued to the
b.	Greater than [\$ [ ] share	] but equal to or less than [\$ es (19% of the Restricted Units) or	] then the Restricted Unit shall be f Restricted Stock to the Grantee.	settled by the issuance of
c.	Greater than [\$ [ ] share	] but equal to or less than [\$ es (38% of the Restricted Units) or	] then the Restricted Unit shall be f Restricted Stock to the Grantee.	settled by the issuance of
d.	Greater than [\$ ] but equal to or less than [\$ ] then the Restricted Unit shall be settled by the issuance of the number of shares of Restricted Stock to the Grantee equal to the pro rata calculation of a range between 57.2% and 100% of the Restricted Units which correlates to the FDEPS amount that falls within the range of [\$ ] and [\$ FDEPS.			
e.	Greater than [\$	] then the Restricted Unit shall	be settled by the issuance of [	] shares (100% of the

(b) <u>Settlement of Restricted Units</u>. As soon as practicable following the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but in no event later than March 15, 2014, the Company shall issue, or cause the Company's stock transfer agent to issue, in the name of the Grantee, a stock

certificate representing the number of shares of Restricted Stock to which the Grantee is entitled in accordance with Section 1(a)

(c) <u>Lapse of Restrictions on Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to <u>Sections 5</u> and <u>8</u> hereof, the shares of Restricted Stock issued to the grantee in settlement of the Restricted Unit pursuant to <u>Section 1(a)</u> hereof shall be restricted and subject to forfeiture until such restrictions lapse as provided hereinafter. The restrictions associated with the shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to <u>Section 1(a)</u> hereof shall lapse in 20% increments on February 28, 2015; February 28, 2016; February 28, 2017; February 28, 2018 and February 28, 2019 (each a "Vesting Date"), provided Grantee is employed by the Company on the Vesting Date and the ratio of Pinnacle Bank's classified assets (the sum of all loans risk rated substandard (#8) or higher plus the balance of the Company's other real estate accounts) to the sum of Pinnacle Bank's Tier 1 capital and the allowance for loan losses ("Classified Assets Ratio") in each case as of December 31 of the fiscal year ending immediately prior to each Vesting Date is less than a predetermined Classified Assets Ratio established by the Compensation Committee between January 1 and March 31 of the fiscal year for which the Classified Assets Ratio is applicable.

Any shares of Restricted Stock for which the performance targets identified above are not met shall be immediately forfeited and the Grantee shall have no further rights with respect to such shares of Restricted Stock.

Section 2. <u>Compensation Committee Discretionary Authority</u>. In the event that the Compensation Committee determines that an event has occurred during any fiscal year after fiscal 2013 which is outside the ordinary course and has impacted the Company's Classified Assets Ratio for such fiscal year, the Compensation Committee shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to increase or decrease the vesting targets to reflect such event for purposes of calculating the vesting of shares of Restricted Stock under <u>Section 1(c)</u> hereof for such fiscal year and for any or all future fiscal years.

Section 3. <u>Distribution of Unrestricted Shares</u>. Certificates representing the shares of Restricted Stock that have vested under <u>Section 1(c)</u> of this Agreement will be distributed to the Grantee as soon as practicable after each Vesting Date; provided, however, that no certificates shall be distributed to the Grantee prior to the lapsing of any restrictions on the transferability of any shares represented by such certificates.

Section 4. <u>Voting Rights and Dividends</u>. Certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock will not be issued prior to the issuance of the shares of Restricted Stock into which the Restricted Unit shall be settled pursuant to <u>Section 1(a)</u> hereof, and Grantee will have no voting or dividend rights with respect to the Restricted Unit or such shares of Restricted Stock prior to such date. Prior to the distribution of unrestricted shares pursuant to <u>Section 3</u>, certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to <u>Section 1(c)</u> hereof will be held by the Company (the "Custodian") in the name of the Grantee. The Custodian will take such action as is necessary and appropriate to enable the Grantee to vote shares of the Restricted Stock from and after the issuance thereof. All cash dividends received by the Custodian, if any, with respect to the shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to <u>Section 1(c)</u> hereof will be remitted to the

Grantee. Stock dividends issued with respect to the Restricted Stock issued pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof shall be treated as additional shares of Restricted Stock that are subject to the same restrictions and other terms and conditions that apply to the shares of Restricted Stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no voting rights or dividend rights shall inure to the Grantee with respect to any shares of Restricted Stock forfeited by the Grantee pursuant to Section 5 of this Agreement.

Section 5. Termination/Change of Status. In the event that the Grantee's employment by the Company (or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company) terminates prior to January 1, 2014 for any reason then, unless the Compensation Committee determines otherwise, the Grantee shall forfeit the Restricted Unit, no shares of Restricted Stock shall be issued to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement and the Grantee shall have no further rights under this Agreement. In the event that the Grantee's employment by the Company (or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company) terminates on or after January 1, 2014 for any reason, other than death or Disability, all shares of Restricted Stock for which the forfeiture restrictions have not lapsed prior to the date of termination shall be immediately forfeited and Grantee shall have no further rights with respect to such shares of Restricted Stock. In the event that the Grantee's employment terminates on or after January 1, 2014 by reason of death or Disability all Restricted Stock to which the Grantee would be entitled to receive pursuant to Section 1(a) and Section 1(c) of this Agreement shall be deemed vested and the restrictions under the Plan and this Agreement with respect to such shares of Restricted Stock shall automatically expire and shall be of no further force or effect.

Section 6. No Transfer or Pledge of Restricted Stock. The Restricted Units issued hereunder may not be assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered or disposed of. No shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof may be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered or disposed of prior to the date the forfeiture restrictions with respect to such shares have lapsed, if at all, on the Vesting Date for such shares.

Section 7. Withholding of Taxes. If the Grantee makes an election under section 83(b) of the Code with respect to the shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof, the issuance of such shares shall be conditioned upon the Grantee making prompt payment to the Company of any applicable withholding obligations or withholding taxes by the Grantee ("Withholding Taxes"). Failure by the Grantee to pay such Withholding Taxes will render this Agreement and the shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof null and void ab initio and the Restricted Shares granted hereunder will be immediately cancelled. If the Grantee does not make an election under section 83(b) of the Code with respect to the shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof, upon a Vesting Date with respect to any portion of the Restricted Shares (or property distributed with respect thereto), the Company shall cancel such Restricted Shares (or withhold property) having an aggregate Fair Value, on the date next preceding the Vesting Date, in an amount required to satisfy the required Withholding Taxes as set forth by Internal Revenue Service guidelines for the employer's minimum statutory withholding with respect to Grantee. The Company shall deduct from any distribution of cash (whether or not related to the Award including, without limitation, salary payments) to the Grantee an amount as shall be reasonably required to satisfy the required Withholding Taxes as

set forth by Internal Revenue Service guidelines for the employer's minimum statutory withholding with respect to Grantee pertaining to cash payments under the Award (including any cash dividends made in respect of the Shares subject to the Award). For purposes of this Agreement, "Fair Value" means the closing sales price of the Shares on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on such date, or in the absence of reported sales on such date, the closing sales price of the Shares on the immediately preceding date for which sales were reported.

Section 8. Change of Control. Upon the occurrence prior to January 1, 2014 of a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan), all performance criteria with respect to the Restricted Unit shall be deemed to be met and Grantee shall be issued the maximum number of shares of Restricted Stock to which he would be entitled under Section 1(c) hereof, and such shares of Restricted Stock shall not be subject to forfeiture as provided for in Section 1(c) hereof or subject to any other restrictions under the Plan or this Agreement, including the restrictions on transfer set forth in Section 6 hereof. Upon the occurrence on or after January 1, 2014 of a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan) all of the shares of Restricted Stock issued pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof shall be deemed vested and the restrictions under the Plan and the Agreement with respect to such shares of Restricted Stock, including the restriction on transfer set forth in Section 6 hereof, shall automatically expire and shall be of no further force or effect.

Section 9. Stock Subject to Award. In the event that the shares of Common Stock of the Company should, as a result of a stock split or stock dividend or combination of shares or any other change, redesignation, merger, consolidation, recapitalization or otherwise, be increased or decreased or changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares of stock or other securities of the Company or of another corporation, the number of shares of Restricted Stock issued to Grantee pursuant to Section 1(c) hereof shall be adjusted in an equitable and proportionate manner to reflect such action. If any such adjustment shall result in a fractional share, such fraction shall be disregarded.

Section 10. <u>Stock Power</u>. Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, the Grantee shall deliver to the Company a stock power, endorsed in blank, relating to the shares of Restricted Stock that may be issued to the Grantee pursuant to <u>Section 1(c)</u> hereof. Such stock power shall be in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

Section 11. Legend. Each certificate representing Restricted Stock shall bear a legend in substantially the following form: THIS CERTIFICATE AND THE SHARES OF STOCK REPRESENTED HEREBY ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (INCLUDING FORFEITURE AND RESTRICTIONS AGAINST TRANSFER) CONTAINED IN THE PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC. 2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED (THE "PLAN") AND THE RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT (THE "AGREEMENT") BETWEEN THE OWNER OF THE RESTRICTED STOCK REPRESENTED HEREBY AND PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC. (THE "COMPANY"). THE RELEASE OF SUCH STOCK FROM SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN AND THE AGREEMENT, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ON FILE AT THE COMPANY.

Section 12. No Right to Continued Employment. This Agreement shall not be construed as giving the Grantee the right to be retained in the employ of the Company (or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company), and the Company (or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Company) may at any time dismiss the Grantee from employment, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan.

Section 13. <u>Governing Provisions</u>. This Agreement is made under and subject to the provisions of the Plan, and all of the provisions of the Plan are also provisions of this Agreement. If there is a difference or conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of the Plan, the provisions of the Plan will govern. By signing this Agreement, the Grantee confirms that he or she has received a copy of the Plan.

Section 14. Section 409A. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, the compensation to be paid to the Grantee pursuant to this Agreement is intended to qualify as a "short-term deferral" pursuant to Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) of the Regulations or to otherwise be exempt from the scope of "deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code as restricted property governed by Section 83 of the Code, and this Agreement shall be interpreted consistently therewith. However, to the extent the payment of any compensation hereunder in connection with the Grantee's termination of employment does not qualify for an exception from treatment as "deferred compensation" subject to Section 409A of the Code, then (a) such amount shall not be payable unless Grantee's termination of employment constitutes a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 1.409A-1(h) of the Regulations and (b) if Grantee is a "specified employee" at such time for purposes of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, then to the extent delayed payment of any portion of the Restricted Units or Restricted Stock to which Grantee is entitled under this Agreement is required in order to avoid a prohibited distribution under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, such portion of the Restricted Units or Restricted Stock shall not be paid to Grantee prior to the earlier of (x) the expiration of the six-month period measured from the date of the Grantee's "separation from service" with the Company or (v) the date of Grantee's death. Upon the earlier of such dates, settlement of all Restricted Units or Restricted Stock shall occur as otherwise provided in this Agreement. In the event compensation payable pursuant to this Agreement is otherwise determined to constitute "deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, this Agreement shall be interpreted and administered consistently with the terms thereof.

### Section 15. Miscellaneous.

- 15.1 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and the Plan contain the entire understanding and agreement between the Company and the Grantee concerning the Restricted Unit and the shares of Restricted Stock that may be issued pursuant to this Agreement, and supersede any prior or contemporaneous negotiations and understandings. The Company and the Grantee have made no promises, agreements, conditions or understandings relating to the Restricted Unit or the shares of Restricted Stock that may be issued pursuant to this Agreement, either orally or in writing, that are not included in this Agreement or the Plan.
- 15.2 <u>Captions</u>. The captions and section numbers appearing in this Agreement are inserted only as a matter of convenience. They do not define, limit, construe or describe the scope or intent of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 15.3 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which when signed by the Company and the Grantee will be deemed an original and all of which together will be deemed the same Agreement.
- 15.4 <u>Notice</u>. Any notice or communication having to do with this Agreement must be given by personal delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed, if to the Company, to the principal office of the Company, and, if to the Grantee, to the Grantee's last known address provided by the Grantee to the Company.
- 15.5 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended by the Company, provided that unless the Grantee consents in writing, the Company cannot amend this Agreement if the amendment will materially change or impair the Grantee's rights under this Agreement and such change is not to the Grantee's benefit.
- 15.6 <u>Successors and Assignment</u>. Each and all of the provisions of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company and the Grantee and their heirs, successors, and assigns. However, neither the Restricted Stock nor this Agreement may be assigned or transferred except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement or the Plan.
- 15.7 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed and construed exclusively in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee applicable to agreements to be performed in the State of Tennessee.

[Signature page to follow.]

I	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and the Grantee have executed this Agreement to be effective as of	, 2013.
PINN.	ACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC.:	
By:		
Name	: Hugh M. Queener	
Title:	Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate	
	Secretary	
GRA	NTEE:	
By:		
Name		

# EXHIBIT A

### STOCK POWER

FOR '	VALUE RECEIVED, t	he undersigned doe	es hereby sell, assign	and transfer to Pinnacle	Financial Partners, Inc. (the
"Company"	shares of th	e Company's com	mon stock represented	d by Certificate No.	. The undersigned authorizes the
Secretary of	f the Company to transfe	er the stock on the l	books of the Company	y in the event of the forf	feiture of any shares issued under the
Restricted S	tock Agreement dated	, 2013 betwe	een the Company and	the undersigned.	
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Name:					

# PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, INC. 2013 ANNUAL CASH INCENTIVE PLAN

### As approved by the Human Resources and Compensation Committee of Pinnacle Financial Partners on January 11, 2013

### **PLAN OBJECTIVES:**

The overall objectives of the 2013 Annual Cash Incentive Plan (the "Plan") are to:

- 1. Motivate participants to ensure that important corporate soundness thresholds and corporate profitability objectives for 2013 are achieved, and
- 2. Provide a reward system that encourages teamwork and cooperation in the achievement of firm-wide goals.

This Plan shall be administered pursuant to the Pinnacle Financial Partners, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2004 Equity Incentive Plan"). All provisions hereof shall be interpreted accordingly. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan.

#### EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE PLAN:

The Plan is effective from January 1, 2013 (Effective Date) through December 31, 2013.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

The Human Resources and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "HRCC") is responsible for the overall administration of the Plan and shall have the authority to select the associates who are eligible for participation in the Plan. The CFO, with the oversight of the CEO, shall provide the HRCC with periodic updates as to the status of the Plan as follows:

Produces status reports on a periodic basis to the CEO, the Leadership Team and the HRCC in order to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the Plan. The CEO has discretion related to communication of the status of the incentive plan to all Plan participants.

Makes recommendations for any Plan modifications (including target performance or payout awards) as a result of substantial changes to the organization or participants' responsibilities to ensure fairness to all Plan participants.

At the end of the Plan period, prepares, verifies, approves and submits the appropriate award calculations and payout authorizations to the CEO and, ultimately the HRCC, for approval and distribution.

The Company's Chief Risk Officer at least annually shall evaluate, report and discuss with the HRCC whether features of the Plan should be limited in order to ensure that the Plan does not pose imprudent risks to the Company and that the Plan does not encourage the manipulation of reported earnings of the Company to enhance any employee's compensation.

The HRCC is authorized to interpret the Plan, to establish, amend and / or rescind any rules and regulations relating to the Plan and to make any other determinations that it deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. The HRCC may correct any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in the manner and to the extent the HRCC deems necessary or desirable. Any decision of the HRCC in the interpretation and administration of Plan, as described herein, shall lie within its sole and absolute discretion and shall be final conclusive and binding on all parties concerned.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Except as otherwise provided below, all associates who are compensated via a predetermined salary or hourly wage and are not included in any other cash incentive or performance-based compensation program or plan are eligible for participation in the Plan. Participants who are not eligible for a full award due to their performance evaluation (see below - Target Award) should be notified by their Leadership Team member as soon as possible prior to distribution of awards.

Certain associates that are compensated via a commission schedule or commission grid have an opportunity to achieve significant variable pay compensation due to escalating payouts pursuant to the commission schedule or grid based on their individual performance. As a result, such commission-based associates are not eligible for participation in the Plan unless otherwise authorized under special arrangement approved by the HRCC.

### FORFEITURE OF AWARDS:

Any participant who terminates employment for any reason (e.g., voluntary separation or termination due to misconduct) prior to distribution of awards in January 2014 will not be eligible for distribution of awards under the Plan unless approved by the HRCC.

### **ETHICS:**

The intent of this Plan is to fairly reward individual and team achievement. Any associate who manipulates or attempts to manipulate the Plan for personal gain at the expense of clients, other associates or Company objectives will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including the non-payment of any award otherwise due or paid to such associate under this Plan.

In addition and upon the approval the Company's board of directors, payments under the Plan paid to an associate will be subject to recovery and "clawback" by the Company, and repaid by such employee, if the payments are based on materially inaccurate financial statements or other materially inaccurate performance metric criteria.

### **PLAN FUNDING:**

The Plan assets will be funded from the results of operations of the Company with all assets being commingled with the assets of the Company.

#### TIMING OF AWARDS:

During January 2014, the HRCC will review all proposed awards pursuant to the Plan. Any awards to be distributed pursuant to the Plan shall be distributed prior to January 31, 2014 or as soon as possible thereafter, but in no event later than March 15, 2014. No award will be distributed prior to January 1, 2014.

### **TARGET AWARD:**

Each participant will be assigned an "award tier" based on their position within the Company, their experience level or other factors. Each participant's Leadership Team member is responsible for notifying each participant of his or her "award tier". The "award tier" will be expressed as a percentage of the participant's base salary ranging from 10% to 100%. In order to determine the "target award", participants will multiply their "award tier percentage" by their actual YTD base salary paid for 2013 as of December 31, 2013. Overtime or other wage components are not considered in these calculations.

The incentive for participants that join the Company during the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 will be calculated using the same formula.

#### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Awards under the Plan shall be conditioned on the attainment of one or more corporate performance goals recommended by the CEO and approved by the HRCC for the 2013 fiscal year. Additionally, the CEO, based on input from any participant's team leader, may include performance criteria for any individual or groups of participants as he deems appropriate, subject to the review of the HRCC. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CEO shall have no involvement in setting the performance goals applicable to his participation in the Plan, and such goals shall be established solely by the HRCC.

After December 31, 2013, the HRCC shall determine whether and to what extent each performance goal has been met. In determining whether and to what extent a performance goal has been met, the HRCC may consider such matters as the HRCC deems appropriate.

#### **DISCRETIONARY INCREASES AND REDUCTIONS:**

The CEO may award up to an additional 10% of base pay to any participant in the Plan, other than the CEO, based on extraordinary individual performance. Likewise, the CEO may reduce a participant's, other than the CEO's, award by up to 100% of the calculated award for individual performance, if the participant did not exhibit a strong commitment to Pinnacle's mission or values. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the HRCC shall have the sole discretion to accept the CEO's recommendations for increases or decreases of awards pursuant to this paragraph with respect to Covered Officers (as defined in the 2004 Equity Incentive Plan).

Discretionary awards outside these parameters shall be approved by the HRCC prior to distribution; however <u>any</u> discretionary awards to the Company's named executive officers, including the CEO, must be approved by the HRCC prior to distribution.

### AMENDMENTS, TERMINATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS:

The HRCC has the right to amend or terminate this Plan in any manner they may deem appropriate in its discretion at any time, including, but not limited to the ability to include or exclude any associate or group of associates from participation in the Plan, modify the award tiers or percentages or modify or waive performance targets. Should the firm enter into any merger or purchase agreement (including a change of control of the Company), significant market expansion or other materially significant strategic event, the HRCC may amend the Plan (including the performance criteria) as it may deem appropriate under the circumstances. The HRCC may amend the Plan (including the performance criteria) for any non-recurring transaction which may materially impact the Company's financial position or results of operations for the fiscal year (e.g., capital transactions, divestiture of assets at gains or losses, branch acquisitions,, etc.)

Furthermore, this Plan does not, nor should any participant imply that it shall, create a contractual relationship or rights between the Plan, the Company or any associate of the Company. No associate should rely on this Plan as to any awards that the associate believes they might otherwise be entitled to receive. This Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to any conflicts of laws or principles.