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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**TierOne Corporation**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Wisconsin

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

04-3638672

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(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1235 N Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

68508

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

TierOne Corporation 2003 Stock Option Plan

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(Full Title of the Plan)

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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	1,852,750 shares (2)	\$ 17.83(2)	\$33,034,532.50	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	404,758 shares (3)	\$ 20.82(3)	\$ 8,427,061.56	
Total	2,257,508 shares		\$41,461,594.06	\$5,253.18(4)

(1) Together with an indeterminate number of additional shares pursuant to Rule 416(a) which may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the TierOne Corporation ( Company or Registrant ) 2003 Stock Option Plan (the Option Plan ) as a result of a stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the outstanding common stock, par value \$.01 per share ( Common Stock ), of the Company.

(2) The 1,852,750 shares represent shares of Common Stock for which options have been granted under the Option Plan as of the date hereof but not yet exercised. The Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share is equal to the weighted average exercise price of the options and estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h)(1) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ( Securities Act ).

(3) The 404,758 shares represent shares of Common Stock which have been reserved under the Option Plan for stock options not yet granted under the Option Plan. The Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share is equal to the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock of the Company on April 20, 2004 on the Nasdaq National Market and estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) promulgated under the Securities Act.

(4) Pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, the full registration fee of \$5,253.18 is offset by a portion of the \$57,690 filing fee paid with respect to Registration Statement No. 333-42197 initially filed by First Lincoln Bancshares Inc. ( First Lincoln ) on December 12, 1997 and associated with 9,777,904 unissued shares previously registered on that Registration Statement, which were deregistered on November 26, 2002 after the offering was terminated and First Lincoln merged with and into the Registrant.

This Registration Statement shall become effective automatically upon the date of filing in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act and 17 C.F.R. § 230.462.



**PART I**

**Item 1. Plan Information.\***

**Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.\***

\* Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from the Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the Note to Part I on Form S-8.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents filed or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 (file No. 000-50015) filed with the Commission on March 12, 2004, as amended on March 24, 2004;
- (b) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Form 10-K referred to in clause (a) above;
- (c) The description of the Common Stock of the Company contained in Item 1, Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A as filed on September 26, 2002 (File No. 000-50015); and
- (d) All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold.

Any statement contained in this Registration Statement, or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any

other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable because the Company's Common Stock is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable to this Registration Statement.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Article IX of the Registrant's Bylaws provides as follows:

9.01. Certain Definitions. All capitalized terms used in this Article IX and not otherwise hereinafter defined in this Section 9.01 shall have the meaning set forth in Section 180.0850 of the Statute. The following capitalized terms (including any plural forms thereof) used in this Article IX shall be defined as follows:

(a) Affiliate shall include, without limitation, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, trust or other enterprise that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Corporation.

(b) Authority shall mean the entity selected by the Director or Officer to determine his or her right to indemnification pursuant to Section 9.04.

(c) Board shall mean the entire then elected and serving Board of Directors of the Corporation, including all members thereof who are Parties to the subject Proceeding or any related Proceeding.

(d) Breach of Duty shall mean the Director or Officer breached or failed to perform his or her duties to the Corporation and his or her breach of or failure to perform those duties is determined, in accordance with Section 9.04, to constitute misconduct under Section 180.0851(2)(a) 1, 2, 3 or 4 of the Statute.

(e) Corporation, as used herein and as defined in the Statute and incorporated by reference into the definitions of certain other capitalized terms used herein, shall mean this Corporation, including, without limitation, any successor corporation or entity to this Corporation by way of merger, consolidation or acquisition of all or substantially all of the capital stock or assets of this Corporation.

(f) Director or Officer shall have the meaning set forth in the Statute; provided, that, for purposes of this Article IX, it shall be conclusively presumed that any Director or Officer serving as a director, officer, partner, trustee, member of any governing or decision-making committee, employee or agent of an Affiliate shall be so serving at the request of the Corporation.

(g) Disinterested Quorum shall mean a quorum of the Board who are not Parties to the subject Proceeding or any related Proceeding.

(h) Party shall have the meaning set forth in the Statute; provided, that, for purposes of this Article IX, the term Party shall also include any Director or Officer or employee of the Corporation who is or was a witness in a Proceeding at a time when he or she has not otherwise been formally named a Party thereto.

(i) Proceeding shall have the meaning set forth in the Statute; provided, that, in accordance with Section 180.0859 of the Statute and for purposes of this Article IX, the term Proceeding shall also include all Proceedings (i) brought under (in whole or in part) the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Exchange Act, their respective state counterparts, and/or any rule or regulation promulgated under any of the foregoing; (ii) brought before an Authority or otherwise to enforce rights hereunder; (iii) any appeal from a Proceeding; and (iv) any Proceeding in which the Director or Officer is a plaintiff or petitioner because he or she is a Director or Officer; provided, however, that any such Proceeding under this subsection (iv) must be authorized by a majority vote of a Disinterested Quorum.

(j) Statute shall mean Sections 180.0850 through 180.0859, inclusive, of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law, Chapter 180 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as the same shall then be in effect, including any amendments thereto, but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent such amendment permits or requires the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than the Statute permitted or required the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment.

9.02. Mandatory Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted or required by the Statute, the Corporation shall indemnify a Director or Officer against all Liabilities incurred by or on behalf of such Director or Officer in connection with a Proceeding in which the Director or Officer is a Party because he or she is a Director or Officer.

9.03. Procedural Requirements.

(a) A Director or Officer who seeks indemnification under Section 9.02 shall make a written request therefor to the Corporation. Subject to Section 9.03(b), within 60 days of the Corporation's receipt of such request, the Corporation shall pay or reimburse the Director or Officer for the entire amount of Liabilities incurred by the Director or Officer in connection with the subject Proceeding (net of any Expenses previously advanced pursuant to Section 9.05).

(b) No indemnification shall be required to be paid by the Corporation pursuant to Section 9.02 if, within such 60-day period, (i) a Disinterested Quorum, by a majority vote thereof, determines that the Director or Officer requesting indemnification engaged in misconduct constituting a Breach of Duty or (ii) a Disinterested Quorum cannot be obtained.

(c) In either case of nonpayment pursuant to Section 9.03(b), the Board shall immediately authorize by resolution that an Authority, as provided in Section 9.04, determine whether the Director's or Officer's conduct constituted a Breach of Duty and, therefore, whether indemnification should be denied hereunder.

(d) If the Board does not authorize an Authority to determine the Director's or Officer's right to indemnification hereunder within such 60-day period and/or (ii) if indemnification of the requested amount of Liabilities is paid by the Corporation, then it shall be conclusively presumed for all purposes that a Disinterested Quorum has affirmatively determined that the Director or Officer did not engage in misconduct constituting a Breach of Duty and, in the case of subsection (i) above (but not subsection (ii)), indemnification by the Corporation of the requested amount of Liabilities shall be paid to the Director or Officer immediately.

9.04. Determination of Indemnification.

(a) If the Board authorizes an Authority to determine a Director's or Officer's right to indemnification pursuant to Section 9.03, then the Director or Officer requesting indemnification shall have the absolute discretionary authority to select one of the following as such Authority:

(i) An independent legal counsel; provided, that such counsel shall be mutually selected by such Director or Officer and by a majority vote of a Disinterested Quorum or, if a Disinterested Quorum cannot be obtained, then by a majority vote of the Board;

(ii) A panel of three arbitrators selected from the panels of arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association in Wisconsin; provided, that (A) one arbitrator shall be selected by such Director or Officer, the second arbitrator shall be selected by a majority vote of a Disinterested Quorum or, if a Disinterested Quorum cannot be obtained, then by a majority vote of the Board, and the third arbitrator shall be selected by the two previously selected arbitrators, and (B) in all other respects, such panel shall be governed by the American Arbitration Association's then existing Commercial Arbitration Rules; or

(iii) A court pursuant to and in accordance with Section 180.0854 of the Statute.

(b) In any such determination by the selected Authority there shall exist a rebuttable presumption that the Director's or Officer's conduct did not constitute a Breach of Duty and that indemnification against the requested amount of Liabilities is required. The burden of rebutting such a presumption by clear and convincing evidence shall be on the Corporation or such other party asserting that such indemnification should not be allowed.



(c) The Authority shall make its determination within 60 days of being selected and shall submit a written opinion of its conclusion simultaneously to both the Corporation and the Director or Officer.

(d) If the Authority determines that indemnification is required hereunder, the Corporation shall pay the entire requested amount of Liabilities (net of any Expenses previously advanced pursuant to Section 9.05), including interest thereon at a reasonable rate, as determined by the Authority, within 10 days of receipt of the Authority's opinion; provided, that, if it is determined by the Authority that a Director or Officer is entitled to indemnification against Liabilities incurred in connection with some claims, issues or matters, but not as to other claims, issues or matters, involved in the subject Proceeding, the Corporation shall be required to pay (as set forth above) only the amount of such requested Liabilities as the Authority shall deem appropriate in light of all of the circumstances of such Proceeding.

(e) The determination by the Authority that indemnification is required hereunder shall be binding upon the Corporation regardless of any prior determination that the Director or Officer engaged in a Breach of Duty.

(f) All Expenses incurred in the determination process under this Section 9.04 by either the Corporation or the Director or Officer, including, without limitation, all Expenses of the selected Authority, shall be paid by the Corporation.

9.05. Mandatory Allowance of Expenses.

(a) The Corporation shall pay or reimburse from time to time or at any time, within 10 days after the receipt of the Director's or Officer's written request therefor, the reasonable Expenses of the Director or Officer as such Expenses are incurred; provided, the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) The Director or Officer furnishes to the Corporation an executed written certificate affirming his or her good faith belief that he or she has not engaged in misconduct which constitutes a Breach of Duty; and

(ii) The Director or Officer furnishes to the Corporation an unsecured executed written agreement to repay any advances made under this Section 9.05 if it is ultimately determined by an Authority that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation for such Expenses pursuant to Section 9.04.

(b) If the Director or Officer must repay any previously advanced Expenses pursuant to this Section 9.05, such Director or Officer shall not be required to pay interest on such amounts.

9.06. Indemnification and Allowance of Expenses of Certain Others.

(a) The Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion as it deems appropriate, pursuant to a majority vote thereof, indemnify a director or officer of an Affiliate (who is not otherwise serving as a Director or Officer) against all Liabilities, and shall advance the reasonable Expenses, incurred by such director or officer in a Proceeding to the same extent hereunder as if such director or officer incurred such Liabilities because he or she was a Director or Officer, if such director or officer is a Party thereto because he or she is or was a director or officer of the Affiliate.

(b) The Corporation shall indemnify an employee of the Corporation who is not a Director or Officer, to the extent he or she has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of a Proceeding, for all reasonable Expenses incurred in the Proceeding if the employee was a Party because he or she was an employee of the Corporation.

(c) The Board may, in its sole and absolute discretion as it deems appropriate, pursuant to a majority vote thereof, indemnify (to the extent not otherwise provided in Section 9.06(b) hereof) against Liabilities incurred by, and/or provide for the allowance of reasonable Expenses of, an employee or authorized agent of the Corporation acting within the scope of his or her duties as such and who is not otherwise a Director or Officer.

9.07. Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a Director or Officer or any individual who is or was an employee or authorized agent of the Corporation against any Liability asserted against or incurred by such individual in his or her capacity as such or arising from his or her status as such, regardless of whether the Corporation is required or permitted to indemnify against any such Liability under this Article IX.

9.08. Notice to the Corporation. A Director, Officer or employee of the Corporation shall promptly notify the Corporation in writing when he or she has actual knowledge of a Proceeding which may result in a claim of indemnification against Liabilities or allowance of Expenses hereunder, but the failure to do so shall not relieve the Corporation of any liability to the Director, Officer or employee hereunder unless the Corporation shall have been irreparably prejudiced by such failure (as determined, in the case of Directors or Officers only, by an Authority selected pursuant to Section 9.04(a)).

9.09. Severability. If any provision of this Article IX shall be deemed invalid or inoperative, or if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the provisions of this Article IX contravene public policy, this Article IX shall be construed so that the remaining provisions shall not be affected, but shall remain in full force and effect, and any such provisions which are invalid or inoperative or which contravene public policy shall be deemed, without further action or deed by or on behalf of the Corporation, to be modified, amended and/or limited, but only to the extent necessary to render the same valid and enforceable; it being understood that it is the Corporation's intention to provide the Directors and Officers with the broadest possible protection against personal liability allowable under the Statute.

9.10. Nonexclusivity of Article IX. The rights of a Director, Officer or employee of the Corporation (or any other person) granted under this Article IX shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to indemnification against Liabilities or allowance of Expenses which the Director, Officer or employee (or such other person) may be entitled to under any written agreement, Board resolution, vote of shareholders of the corporation or otherwise, including, without limitation, under the Statute. Nothing contained in this Article IX shall be deemed to limit the Corporation's obligations to indemnify against Liabilities or allow Expenses to a Director, Officer or employee of the Corporation under the Statute.

9.11 Contractual Nature of Article IX: Repeal or Limitation of Rights. This Article IX shall be deemed to be a contract between the Corporation and each Director, Officer and employee of the Corporation and any repeal or other limitation of this Article IX or any repeal or limitation of the Statute or any other applicable law shall not limit any rights of indemnification against Liabilities or allowance of Expenses then existing or arising out of events, acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or limitation, including, without limitation, the right to indemnification against Liabilities or allowance of Expenses for Proceedings commenced after such repeal or limitation to enforce this Article IX with regard to acts, omissions or events arising prior to such repeal or limitation.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable because no restricted securities will be reoffered or resold pursuant to this Registration Statement.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

(a) The following exhibits are filed with or incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (numbering corresponds to Exhibit Table in Item 601 of Regulation S-K):

No.	Description of Exhibit
4.0	Common Stock Certificate*
5.0	Opinion of Elias, Matz, Tiernan & Herrick L.L.P. as to the legality of the Common Stock
10.0	TierOne Corporation 2003 Stock Option Plan**
23.1	Consent of Elias, Matz, Tiernan & Herrick L.L.P. (contained in the opinion included as Exhibit 5.0)
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP
24.0	Power of attorney for any subsequent amendments is located in the signature pages

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\* Incorporated by reference from the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Commission File No. 333-85838) filed with the Commission on April 8, 2002, as amended.

\*\* Incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Commission on March 11, 2003 (File No. 000-50015).

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement; provided, however, that clauses (i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

4. That, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration

statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

5. To deliver or cause to be delivered with the Prospectus, to each person to whom the Prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the Prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Act; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X is not set forth in the Prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the Prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the Prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

6. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the questions whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

*The Registrant.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, on this 23rd day of April 2004.

**TierOne Corporation**

By: /s/ Gilbert G. Lundstrom  
 Gilbert G. Lundstrom  
 Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive  
 Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Each person whose signature appears below hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Gilbert G. Lundstrom his or her true and lawful attorney, with full power to sign for such person and in such person's name and capacity indicated below, and with full power of substitution any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, hereby ratifying and confirming such person's signature as it may be signed by said attorney to any and all amendments.

Name	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Gilbert G. Lundstrom</u> Gilbert G. Lundstrom	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	April 23, 2004
<u>/s/ James A. Laphen</u> James A. Laphen	Director, President and Chief Operating Officer	April 23, 2004
<u>/s/ Eugene B. Witkowicz</u> Eugene B. Witkowicz	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary (principal accounting officer)	April 23, 2004
<u>/s/ Campbell R. McConnell</u> Campbell R. McConnell	Director	April 23, 2004

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>/s/ Joyce Person Pocras</u> Joyce Person Pocras	Director	April 23, 2004
<u>/s/ LaVern F. Roschewski</u> LaVern F. Roschewski	Director, Vice Chairman of the Board	April 23, 2004
<u>/s/ Ann Lindley Spence</u> Ann Lindley Spence	Director	April 23, 2004