



## Press Release

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Scott Wade, CEO of AimBank is proud to announce that "AimBank is now a full-service branch at 1303 Cowboy Way in Plains, Texas which was previously an LPO/DPO."

Jason Swann, Senior Vice President remarked that, "We have employed outstanding management in Plains; people with committed devotion to customer service, with great expertise with agriculture loans that will assist AimBank in growing this market. Debbie Smith is the Branch Manager and Vice President. She has 22 years of banking experience and is a Plains native/resident. She is an active volunteer serving in several civic organizations and church in the community. We are assisted by Lela Garcia, Customer Service Representative who is a lifelong Plains native/resident and active in the community. "

Swann ask that everyone, "Come experience our genuine hometown banking- we are West Texas based and West Texas proud. Our mission is to serve the communities that we influence with exceptional customer service, stability, character, and an unparalleled banking experience."

Wade stated that "AimBank is recognized as one of the Nation's top community banks and ranked #37 among the Nation's top 100 Best-Performing Community Banks in 2014. Ratings were established by SNL Financial\*, a leading independent data source, evaluating all banks with \$500M to \$5B in assets across the nation, and it is an honor to be recognized as one of the Nation's top community banks, as it sets us apart as a leader in our local communities we serve."

### *About AimBank*

AimBank was originally chartered on September 19, 1925 as the First National Bank of Littlefield. Due to the perseverance on the part of its officers and staff, the bank withstood the Great Depression, a world war, and various booms and busts in the agriculture and energy markets. In 2003, the bank was converted to a state-chartered bank and ownership is now vested in AimBank employees and local investors. AimBank has continually grown and expanded our presence into several markets over the years, including Littlefield, Levelland, Lubbock, Midland, Miami, Odessa, Pampa, Plains, Shamrock, Snyder and Wolfforth with over \$800 million in assets.

\*For this ranking, SNL evaluates all community banks each year with 60 locations or less. In addition, at least one-third of the banks' balance sheets must be compiled of loans with less than half of the loans attributed to credit cards. The banks have to be well-capitalized according to regulatory standards and cannot have a majority of revenue derived from nontraditional banking activities. SNL uses six core financial metrics focusing on profitability, asset quality and growth throughout 2014.

AimBank will maintain a strong tradition of offering quality banking services while keeping up with the latest technology for our ever-changing customer needs. The new banking locations combined with an ATM network with more than 600 Stripes Convenience Store locations in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma provides customers with new added conveniences and services.