## Midland States Bank Announces Will County Expansion and New Market President

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EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS – April 22, 2014 – Midland States Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Anthony A. Denovellis as Market President of the Bank's new lending office scheduled to open in Will County, Illinois, later this year.

Joining Denovellis will be commercial relationship managers Thomas Hearne and Daniel Rodriguez, as well as mortgage loan originator Lawrence Barber.

"The expansion of our footprint in Will County is an indication of Midland States Bank's confidence in the commercial and real estate potential of the greater Joliet market," commented Dan Stevenson, Midland's Regional Market President. "With the addition of Tony and his team, we are better positioned to actively partner with the business and housing community to promote continued growth in the region."

Midland's new lending office will focus on commercial, small business and residential mortgage programs and services. The bank is currently finalizing site options in Will County and anticipates announcing the new location soon.

"We are extremely pleased to be a part of Midland's banking family," commented Denovellis. "Midland takes pride, not only in offering exceptional banking services, but in investing in its communities. We look forward to being an active participant in the further growth of Will County."

Until the new location is opened, the team will operate from Midland's Joliet office located at 1540 Route 59. Denovellis, Hearne, Rodriguez and Barber can also be contacted by telephone at (815) 230-4309.

Denovellis has more than 23 years of financial and management experience, and spent 15 years as a Regional Manager within Business Banking. He received Master's Degrees in Business Administration from Saint Xavier University in Chicago and in Guidance and Counseling from Illinois State University in Bloomington, as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

Hearne has worked 13 years in the financial services industry and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois. Rodriguez has a decade of financial experience and was a Business Relationship Manager in Lansing, Illinois, prior to joining Midland. Barber began his banking career in 1986 and most recently was a mortgage loan originator in Orland Park, Illinois. He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at The University of Illinois at Chicago.

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Midland States Bank is rated "5 Stars" by Bauer Financial, a rating reserved for only the strongest financial institutions in the U.S. Midland has assets of approximately \$1.7 billion and Midland Wealth Management has assets under administration of more than \$1.1 billion. Established in 1881 in Effingham, Illinois, Midland States Bank provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products, trust and investment management, insurance, and financial planning services. As a community banking institution, Midland States Bank prides itself on establishing and maintaining relationships with its customers and is committed to serving the financial needs of the communities it serves. For additional information, visit <a href="http://www.midlandsb.com">http://www.midlandsb.com</a>.

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