

## **Midland States Bank Announces New Market President for St. Louis**

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EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS – September 24, 2015 – Midland States Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Steve Linton to Market President for the St. Louis market.

Linton is a member of the Midland States Bank Community Banking leadership team. In his new role, Linton will lead the sales and management activities to support growth and development of retail, small business and commercial programs and services.

“Steve’s knowledge of the region provides invaluable perspective as we build strategies to drive growth across our business lines in these expanding market,” commented Tim Spitz, Regional Market President for the area. “Steve has proven himself to be both an exceptional banker and an involved community partner. The relationships Steve has built with our customers, prospects and employees will serve us well as we continue to grow in St. Louis.”

Linton has more than 20 years of commercial lending and banking experience, and was previously associated with large regional banks in the market, have served as Senior Vice President and Executive for Commercial Banking. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina; following with his MBA, emphasizing Marketing, from the University of Missouri. Linton is also highly involved in the St. Louis community, serving as past Board President and Board Member for Westminster Christian Academy, current Advisory Board Member for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and current Board Member for the St. Louis Sports Commission. He also serves as Co-Founder and Secretary of Missouri Warriors Baseball, Inc., a non-profit organization focused on the development of character of young men through baseball.

### **About Midland States Bancorp, Inc.**

Midland States Bancorp, Inc. is a community-based financial holding company headquartered in Effingham, Illinois, and is the sole shareholder of Midland States Bank. Midland has assets of approximately \$2.8 billion, and its Midland Wealth Management Group has assets under administration of more than \$1.2 billion. Midland remains locally owned and provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products and services, merchant credit card services, trust and investment management, insurance and financial planning services. In addition, commercial equipment leasing services are provided through Heartland Business Credit, and multi-family and healthcare facility FHA financing is provided through Love Funding, its non-bank subsidiaries. Midland now has more than 70 locations across the U.S. As a community banking institution, Midland prides itself on establishing and maintaining excellent relationships with its customers and is committed to serving the financial needs of its communities. For additional information, visit <http://www.midlandsb.com> or follow us on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.

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