

## **Midland States Bank Announces Southern Illinois Expansion and Market President Appointment**

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EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS – May 21, 2014 – Midland States Bank is pleased to announce the opening of a new commercial lending office in Marion, Illinois, and the appointment of Kevin Wilson as Market President.

The new office will focus on commercial and small business programs and services. The bank is currently finalizing office space in Marion and anticipates announcing the new location early this summer. Until the new location is determined, Wilson can be contacted by telephone at (618) 922-5978.

“The expansion of our footprint in Southern Illinois is an indication of Midland’s confidence in the region’s strength and potential,” commented Tim Spitz, Regional Market President for Midland. “With the addition of Kevin, we are positioned to actively partner with the southern Illinois business community and contribute to economic development of this area.”

Wilson commented, “Midland takes pride, not only in offering exceptional banking services, but in investing in their communities. Midland’s financial strength and lending capacity allows me to work with local businesses in financing and supporting their planned growth. In addition, the bank’s suite of cash management and merchant credit card services allows businesses of all sizes to manage their finances with greater control and more efficiency, and reduce their costs of credit card processing.”

Wilson has more than 25 years of financial and management experience. Prior to joining the bank, he spent several years as a vice president for a regional bank holding company specializing in commercial banking. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Economics from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Additionally, he has completed advanced studies through the Illinois Bankers and Illinois Real Estate Lending schools. Wilson holds an Illinois Insurance Producers license and is Credit Risk Management certified through the Risk Management Association.

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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 <http://www.midlandsb.com>.

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