

# **News Release**

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## **Summit State Bank Engages New External Independent Auditor**

**Santa Rosa, CA** (October 27, 2006) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ:SSBI) today announced that it has engaged Crowe Chizek and Company to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm beginning with the audit of the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2006.

Crowe Chizek was selected from a number of firms invited to submit proposals including the Company's former accounting firm.

Summit State Bank is a traditional community bank with its primary service area in Sonoma County and branches in Santa Rosa, Windsor and Rohnert Park.