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Summit State Bank Awarded ‘Premier Performing Bank’ Distinction by Findley Reports

Santa Rosa, CA – (May 12, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has been awarded the honor of being one of California’s “Premier” Performing Banks for 2010 by The Findley Report. Only 35 banks of 254 in California were designated as “Premier Performing” in 2010. Summit State Bank is the only Sonoma County-based bank to receive this recognition.

The Findley Report provides an independent comprehensive review of bank performance criteria, including growth, operating income, loan performance and return. To qualify as a Premier Performing Bank, a bank must also meet the Findley Report's “A-quality” criteria.

“High performance and well-managed banks like Summit State Bank are the cornerstones of the financial services industry,” stated Gary Steven Findley, President of the Findley Reports. “In spite of very challenging economic and industry constraints, Summit State Bank outperformed the majority of its peers.”

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$374 million and total equity of \$55 million at March 31, 2011. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank is a Premier Performing Bank, earning the highest Findley Reports designation of all Sonoma County-based banks. Summit State Bank received the Gold Medal award for Best Business Bank from the Northbay Biz Magazine and has also been recognized as one of the North Bay’s Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. Summit State Bank’s stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at www.summitstatebank.com.

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