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Summit State Bank Awarded Best Places to Work from North Bay Business Journal

Santa Rosa, CA – (August 30, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has been named one of the Best Places to Work in the North Bay by the North Bay Business Journal for the second consecutive year.

“We are proud to be awarded again as one of the Best Places to Work in the North Bay. Our exceptional employees are the foundation for providing a superior customer service experience for our customers,” says Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Summit State Bank is one of 54 diverse companies throughout the North Bay to receive this recognition in 2011.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$384 million and total equity of \$56 million at June 30, 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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