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Summit State Bank Awarded “Best Of” Gold Medal for Best Business Bank

Santa Rosa, CA – (June 10, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has been awarded with the Gold Medal for the NorthBay Biz Magazine’s “Best Of” award for Best Business Bank for the second consecutive year. This award is given based on readers’ votes throughout the North Bay.

“We are proud to have earned this recognition once again for our commitment to providing the best banking experience in Sonoma County. We appreciate the support of local businesses, our customers and the community,” says Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

The “Best Of” awards have been honoring businesses in the North Bay for 22 years and include 38 unique categories for readers to vote on.

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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