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### **Summit State Bank Awarded Petaluma's Large Business of the Year**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (April 20, 2010) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has been honored with the Petaluma Chamber of Commerce's Community Award for Large Business of the Year. This annual award is given to businesses that encourage innovation and creativity, are recognized as a leader in its industry and community, and show ongoing commitment to projects or programs that promote the better good of the Petaluma Community.

"It is an honor to be recognized with the Community Award for Large Business of the Year. As a community bank, giving back to our community is the foundation of Summit State Bank's values and company culture. Mary Celestre, branch manager, and her staff continue to give back to Petaluma, and their dedication to seeing their community succeed is unparalleled," says Tom Duryea, Summit State Bank President and CEO.

Additional criteria for being awarded Large Business of the Year include practicing environmental awareness and promoting sustainability, demonstrating socially responsible business practices, and providing employee considerations that inspire professional and personal growth.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$340 million and total equity of \$56 million at December 31, 2009. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. 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](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

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