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Summit State Bank Increases Small Business Lending Fund by \$50,000,000

Santa Rosa, CA – (September 6, 2011) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) today announced an additional \$50,000,000 in funds available for the local Sonoma County community of small businesses. Due to Summit State Bank’s strong balance sheet resulting from prudent banking practices, Summit has qualified to obtain these funds to infuse within the local community as part of the US Treasury’s Small Business Lending Fund. Summit State Bank’s \$50,000,000 Sonoma County Small Business Lending Program offers newly available funds to support local economic growth and job creation.

“We look forward to speaking with new and existing business clients to better understand how we can put these funds to work in our county and to further serve their business lending needs” says Guy Dana, Chief Credit Officer of Summit State Bank.

Qualified loans include business loans and lines of credit, owner occupied commercial real estate loans, loans to finance agricultural production and other loans to farmers and wineries, and loans secured by farmland. This lending infusion will be in addition to Summit State Bank’s existing lending practices.

“We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to the business leaders in our community. As a community bank, we are committed to supporting our local community and economy. With our Sonoma County Small Business Lending Program, we will support small businesses and nonprofits with the resources needed to strengthen and grow,” says Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Summit State Bank encourages small businesses with lending needs to reach out to Summit as a resource. Interested businesses can visit www.SummitStateBank/SonomaCounty.com, call (707) 568-6000 or visit any of their five Sonoma County branch locations for more information.

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’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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