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Summit State Bank Receives California Independent Banker's 2013 Rising Star Award

Santa Rosa, CA – (October 28, 2013) –Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) was honored with the Rising Star Award from the California Independent Bankers, which was created to encourage and reward exceptional accomplishments of community bankers in California.

Summit was the sole winner this year of the Overall Bank Achievement award. The Rising Star Award honors those in the community banking industry who have shown exceptional promise of leadership and contribution to the bank and communities they serve based on the following criteria: self-awareness, integrity, vision, effective communication, enthusiasm and innovation.

“The future of our industry lies in the hands of our emerging leaders, and these bright stars should be nurtured and recognized for their ability and ingenuity. The winners have shown great promise and innovation and inspire others for success,” said CIB Executive Director David Haithcock. “The Rising Star Awards have been well deserved by these accomplished recipients.”

2013 Rising Star Winners Include: James Jefferson, Montecito Bank & Trust, Santa Barbara; Ashley Fairon, Union Bank, Correspondent Banking Division, Los Angeles; Mani Ganesamurthy, Summit Bank, Oakland; Summit State Bank, Santa Rosa (Overall bank achievement).

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$432 million and total equity of \$61 million at June 30, 2013. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank received the 2012 Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association for its nonprofit work. In addition, Summit has been recognized as one of the Top 75 Corporate Philanthropists in the Bay Area by the San Francisco Business Times, with the Gold Medal award for Best Business Bank from the Northbay Biz Magazine, and as one of the North Bay's Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. Summit has also been consistently recognized as a high performing bank by Findley Reports. 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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