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## **Security Bank Ranked #9 Among the Nation's top 100 Best-Performing Community Banks**

**April 9, 2014-** SNL Financial released its annual ranking of 2013's top 100 best performing banks. Security Bank received #9 among the Nations top 100 Best-Performing Community Banks of 2013 with \$500 million to \$5 billion in assets.

SNL ranked the best-performing community banks using six core financial performance metrics that focus on profitability, asset quality and growth throughout 2013. SNL compiles this ranking by defining community banks as institutions with between \$500 million and \$5 billion in assets and with 60 or fewer offices. Also, at least one-third of the bank's balance sheets must be composed of loans, and they cannot have more than half of their loans in credit cards. Banks with a majority of revenue derived from nontraditional banking activities or that were not well-capitalized were excluded.

"We are proud to be ranked within the top 10 best-performing community banks in the nation. We are blessed to have a team of dedicated bankers who serve with integrity and professionalism for some of the greatest small businesses and entrepreneurs in the country. We are very humbled and honored with the recognition," remarked Jim Smitherman, President and CEO of Security Bank.

### **About Security Bank**

Security Bank was founded in 1928 when a group of local investors realized a vision to help the West Texas community overcome what was clearly one of the most tumultuous times in the history of the United States economy – The Great Depression. Security Bank withstood the instability of that era and proved to be an institution of compassion, character and tenacity. In its 86 years, the bank has continued to endure the changes the market has incurred. It remains one of the oldest financial institutions in West Texas and is continually exceeding the market standards in safety and performance ratings. Security Bank has grown to over \$800 million in assets and has 12 locations in 9 Texas counties. To learn more about Security Bank, log on to [www.mysbank.com](http://www.mysbank.com).