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**Security Bank Ranked #7 Among the Nations top 100
Best-Performing Community Banks**

According to SNL Financial, a leading independent data source, Security Bank ranked #7 among the Nations top 100 Best-Performing Community Banks of 2011 with \$500M to \$5B in assets.

“We are honored to be on the list of very successful institutions. Security Bank has thrived on a strong foundation centered around safety and soundness,” Jim Smitherman, President and CEO of Security Bank remarked. “Our goal is to provide our customers with financial security and to partner with our local communities to keep business viable and growing strong.”

SNL ranked the best-performing community banks using six core financial performance metrics focusing on profitability, asset quality, and growth throughout 2011. To compile this ranking, SNL defined 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 banks' 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.

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 82 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 perhaps the state and is continually exceeding the market standards in safety and performance ratings. To learn more about Security Bank, log on to www.mysbank.com.