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### **Security Bank Named #15 Best Bank to Work For by *American Banker***

**Midland, TX-** Security Bank was recently recognized as the #15 *Best Bank to Work For 2015* for banks under \$3 billion in assets and #19 out of 50 overall by American Banker. This project was initiated to identify, recognize, and honor the best banks to work for in the nation. The program was created in 2013 as collaboration between American Banker and Best Companies Group.

“Our employees are the heart of this company,” remarked Jim Smitherman, President and CEO of Security Bank. “Our focus will always remain on our three core values: Integrity, Relationships, and Professionalism. We strive to do the best thing for our employees and customers; that’s how we have become one of the top ranked institutions in the country.”

Determining the *Best Banks to Work For* involved evaluating each participating bank’s workplace policies, practices, and demographics. Additionally, employee surveys assessed the experience and attitudes with respect to the workplace. The combined responses determined the top banks and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process and also analyzed the data and used their experience to determine the final rankings.

In summary, 50 Banks across the nation achieved “Best Bank” status in this program. The full *Best Banks to Work For* list is available online at [www.American Banker.com](http://www.American Banker.com)

#### **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 \$900 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).