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INDUSTRY NOTICE

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4th Annual Community Banking Research and Policy Conference

In June, the Texas Department of Banking held three town hall meetings to support an initiative of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) who has partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis to research community banking in America.

The Federal Reserve System and CSBS are sponsoring the nationwide community bank conference being held September 28-29, 2016 at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

CSBS Chairman and Texas Banking Commissioner Charles G. Cooper and President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis James Bullard will provide opening remarks on the first day to kick off the conference.

Keynote speakers during the conference include:

- Charles Evans, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
- H.E. “Gene” Rainbolt, Chairman of BancFirst Corporation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Jerome H. Powell, Governor of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The [conference agenda](#) consist of presentations and panels to discuss issues raised by the industry and researched by academics. Community bankers contribute in a variety of manners, including participation on discussion panels, completing the annual survey and providing feedback to the research presented during the conference.

We encourage you to visit the [Community Banking in the 21st Century website](#) for more information on the research papers, speakers, and conference.

On Thursday, September 28, 2016, CSBS and the Federal Reserve will be publishing the *Community Banking in the 21st Century: Opportunities, Challenges and Perspectives*, an annual publication prepared as part of the Community Banking in the 21st Century Research Conference. The report covers several pressing issues impacting community banks, including mortgage and small business lending, compliance costs, consolidation, and the evolving mix of products and services offered by community banks.