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CONSUMER ALERT

The Texas Department of Banking has become aware of fraudulent fax solicitations purporting to offer a business line of credit. The solicitations bear the heading “Community Bank & Trust, Dallas, Texas” or “Community Bank & Trust, Waco, Texas”. The fax solicitations instruct the recipient to complete the form and fax it back to a phone number listed on the solicitation.

The entity named “Community Bank & Trust, Dallas, Texas” in the heading of one solicitation is not associated with any known financial institution chartered by a state or federal regulatory agency. No entity by that name has been authorized to do business in Texas.

The entity named “Community Bank & Trust, Waco, Texas” in the heading of another solicitation is not sanctioned by the authorized Community Bank & Trust, Waco, Texas, which is chartered by the Texas Department of Banking. The officially chartered Community Bank & Trust, Waco, Texas is not a party to the fraudulent fax solicitation and is not offering the service described in the solicitation.

Consumers should consider any fax solicitation purporting to offer a business line of credit involving either entity as an attempt to collect personal or confidential information and to fraudulently obtain funds. Anyone with information about this purported scam should contact the Department’s Consumer Assistance Activities at consumer.complaints@dob.texas.gov or call toll free (877) 276-5554.

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