

Texas Department of Banking

Press Release

Banking Commissioner Issues Certificate of Authority to Texas Brand Bank, Garland, Texas

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Texas Brand Bank, Garland, Texas, became the first de novo state chartered bank to open in 2005, the centennial year for the Banking Department. The bank's initial capital totals over \$8,400,000.

The newly chartered bank is led by an experienced executive team composed of Chairman Edward B. Tomlinson, II, President and CEO Donald E. Holland, and EVP, COO, and Cashier Larry T. Bowman. The team has deep roots in the local community. The Board of Directors consists of Edward B. Tomlinson, II, Donald E. Holland, James F. Bowen, Charles S. Leis, and John C. Shackelford.

The bank is to provide a full line of traditional banking services to consumers, professionals, and small businesses located in the area with an emphasis on personal customer service.

Texas Brand Bank is the eleventh de novo state-chartered commercial bank to open in the metroplex since January of 2000. Six national banks have also opened during the same period. "The interest in newly-chartered banks is a sign of confidence in the economic health and growth potential in the area," stated Randall S. James, Banking Commissioner.

We welcome Texas Brand Bank to the growing family of 328 Texas state-chartered banks.