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Friday, April 3, 2009 – 7th Annual Bank Conference

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MEDIA ALERT

“Recession, Reality, Recovery”

- What:** This 7th Annual Bank Conference will gather the leaders in the banking community to discuss today’s challenges and opportunities within the industry. This conference is hosted by Commerce Street Capital, LLC and SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc.
- When:** Friday, April 3, 2009. 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Where:** Four Seasons Resort and Club, Las Colinas, Texas
4150 North MacArthur Boulevard, Irving, Texas, U.S.A. 75038
- Agenda:**
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| 7:30 a.m. | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 a.m. | Welcome —Tex Gross and Dennis McCuiston |
| 8:15 a.m. | Introduction —Tex Gross |
| | Unfunded Liability Solutions —John C. Goodman |
| | Update on the Credit Crisis & Outlook for the Economy —Bob McTeer |
| 9:15 a.m. | Industry Review & Outlook —Dory A. Wiley |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:15 a.m. | Bankers’ Perspective — Alan Fishman, Robert S. Royer, Mark Tipton |
| 10:45 a.m. | Mergers & Acquisitions —Jacob Thompson |
| 11:15 a.m. | Troubled Industry or Opportunity? —Panelists: Ralph Babb, Charles Cooper, Jim Gardner, Scott MacDonald. Moderator: Dennis McCuiston |
| 12:00 p.m. | Buffet Lunch in Las Colinas Room |
| 12:30 p.m. | Economic Outlook —Doug Ingram |
| 1:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks —William D. “Tex” Gross |
| 2:00 p.m. | Golfers proceed to clubhouse |

(See more info about speakers on next page.)

Interviews: Interviews are available with Dory Wiley, Jim Gardner, Jacob Thompson and Doug Ingram.

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Speakers (Alphabetical)

The following speakers, comprised of financial industry leaders and bank veterans, will provide insight about today's financial topics.

- **Ralph Babb**, Chairman, Comerica Bank
- **Charles Cooper**, Texas Banking Commissioner
- **Alan Fishman**, Chairman, Ladder Capital Financial, LLC, and former CEO of Washington Mutual
- **Jim Gardner**, Chairman, Commerce Street Capital, LLC
- **Dr. John C. Goodman**, President and CEO of the National Center for Policy Analysis, a nonpartisan research organization dedicated to private sector solutions to public policy problems
- **William D. "Tex" Gross**, Founder, Commerce Street Capital, LLC
- **Doug Ingram**, Managing Director, Commerce Street Capital Management, LLC and author of the acclaimed *Bond Market Review*
- **S. Scott MacDonald**, President and CEO, SW Graduate School of Banking Foundation, Director of the Assemblies for Bank Directors and Adjunct Professor of Finance, Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University
- **Bob McTeer**, Distinguished Fellow at the National Center for Policy Analysis and former President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and member of the Federal Open Market Committee
- **Dennis McCuiston**, President, McCuiston & Associates and Host, KERA's "The McCuiston Program"
- **Robert S. Royer**, Partner, Royer & Brooks, LLP
- **Mark Tipton**, Chairman and CEO, Georgia Commerce Bank
- **Jacob Thompson**, Managing Director, Commerce Street Capital, LLC
- **Dory A. Wiley**, CEO and President, Commerce Street Capital, LLC

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