

## **Commerce Street Capital Completes Capital Raise for First State Bank in 4 Days**

**DALLAS, TX (May 14, 2009)** Commerce Street Capital LLC assisted Chico Bancorp. Inc., the holding company of First State Bank, in a private Sub-S capital campaign. A total of \$4,000,000 in capital was raised for the Chico, Texas-based bank in just four days. The secondary offering was then closed on April 15, 2009. This announcement was made by Lee Bradley, managing director of Commerce Street Capital's bank development group.

"This is a great example of a bank that I believe has good management and people who believe in them," stated Bradley who has been raising capital for de novo and existing community banks since 1987. "It proves that people are still willing to invest."

Robert Gallert, a senior vice president at Commerce Street Capital, worked closely on site with First State Bank's President and CEO Embry Hines. First State Bank is a 113 year-old state chartered bank with headquarter offices in Chico with an additional three branches in Bridgeport, Runaway Bay and Paradise.

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