



## Busey, First Community and South Side Bank *Growing Forward, Together, in 2017 and Beyond*

To further provide **service excellence** to customers, associates and communities in downstate Illinois, Busey is pleased to partner with Mid Illinois Bancorp, Inc. ("Mid Illinois")—pending regulatory approval. First Busey ("Busey"), the holding company for Busey Bank, will acquire Mid Illinois, the holding company for South Side Trust & Savings Bank ("South Side Bank") of Peoria, through a merger transaction, which is anticipated to close in the second half of 2017. South Side Bank would subsequently merge with and in to Busey Bank early 2018.

Founded in 1922 and with more than \$665 million in bank assets and \$575 million in trust assets, South Side Bank operates as a state chartered commercial and trust bank with 13 branches located within the greater Peoria area. South Side Bank also owns Mid-Illinois Insurance Services, Inc. Busey currently operates five branches within the Peoria area. The area has a solid economic climate that is home to significant professional, insurance, health care, information technology and manufacturing businesses. Mark Joseph, Mid Illinois's President and Chief Executive Officer, will continue to lead the greater Peoria market once the acquisition is completed, as Mr. Joseph will be named Busey Bank's Executive Vice-President and Commercial Market President, Peoria.

First Busey President and Chief Executive Officer Van A. Dukeman says, "Busey continues to expand its franchise through balanced, integrated growth strategies that generate value for our **pillars**—*customers, associates, communities and shareholders*. The acquisition of South Side Bank enhances our presence in Peoria, a market important to us and core to our franchise. South Side is the premier community bank in Peoria with a 95-year history and deep ties to the communities it serves. We are excited about the opportunities South Side's uniquely attractive deposit franchise and trust and investment business present in Peoria and across our footprint. We are pleased to partner with South Side Bank and we look forward to building upon its storied history."

Joseph adds, "Busey is a natural partner for Mid Illinois because it understands the Peoria market, offers a broad range of financial service products to meet our customers' growing needs, and shares an unwavering service commitment to customers, associates, communities and shareholders. Busey's strong capital position allows for larger credits, spurring additional economic and community development opportunities, all while preserving a community banking approach the Peoria market appreciates."

This exciting news follows the previously announced collaboration with First Community Financial Partners, Inc. ("First Community") in the Chicagoland area—pending regulatory and shareholder approval. First Busey will acquire First Community, the holding company for First Community Financial Bank, through a merger transaction, which is anticipated to close mid-2017. First Community Financial Bank would subsequently merge with and into Busey Bank in late 2017.

Founded in 2004, and with more than \$1.26 billion in assets, First Community has nine branches in Will, DuPage and Grundy counties, which encompass portions of the



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southwestern suburbs of Chicago. Roy C. Thygesen, First Community's President and CEO, will continue to lead First Community through the merger. Once the acquisition is complete, Roy will be named Busey Bank's Executive Vice-President and Market President, Northern Illinois.

Busey, First Community and South Side Bank value an engaged and empowered workforce, and are committed to building a premier, service-oriented, community brand experience. Busey is a **Best Place to Work in Illinois**, as well as a **Best Bank to Work** For across the country. Further, both Busey and First Community are among the 26 top performing small-cap banks and thrifts—**Sm-All Stars**—by *Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P.* in the nation, and the only two Illinois banks to be named

### Special Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This document may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business of First Busey, Mid Illinois and First Community. Forward-looking statements, which may be based upon beliefs, expectations and assumptions of First Busey's, Mid Illinois's and First Community's management and on information currently available to management, are generally identifiable by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should" or other similar expressions. Additionally, all statements in this document, including forward-looking statements, speak only as of the date they are made, and neither First Busey nor Mid Illinois or First Community undertakes any obligation to update any statement in light of new information or future events. A number of factors, many of which are beyond the ability of First Busey, Mid Illinois and First Community to control or predict, could cause actual results to differ materially from those in any forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the following: (i) the possibility that any of the anticipated benefits of the proposed transactions between First Busey and Mid Illinois, and First Busey and First Community, will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period; (ii) the risk that integration of operations of Mid Illinois and First Community with those of First Busey will be materially delayed or will be more costly or difficult than expected; (iii) the inability to complete the proposed transactions due to the failure of the required shareholder approvals; (iv) the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the proposed transactions, including receipt of required regulatory and other approvals; (v) the failure of the proposed transactions to close for any other reason; (vi) the effect of the announcement of the transactions on customer relationships and operating results; (vii) the possibility that the transactions may be more expensive to complete than anticipated, including as a result of unexpected factors or events; (viii) the strength of the local, national and international economy; (ix) changes in state and federal laws, regulations and governmental policies concerning First Busey's, Mid Illinois's and First Community's general businesses; (x) changes in interest rates and prepayment rates of First Busey's, Mid Illinois's and First Community's assets; (xi) increased competition in the financial services sector and the inability to attract new customers; (xii) changes in technology and the ability to develop and maintain secure and reliable electronic systems; (xiii) the loss of key executives or employees; (xiv) changes in consumer spending; (xv) unexpected results of acquisitions, including the acquisition of Mid Illinois and First Community; (xvi)



unexpected outcomes of existing or new litigation involving First Busey, Mid Illinois or First Community; (xvii) the economic impact of any future terrorist threats or attacks; (xviii) the economic impact of exceptional weather occurrences such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and blizzards; and (xix) changes in accounting policies and practices. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. Additional information concerning First Busey, Mid Illinois and First Community and their respective business, including additional factors that could materially affect First Busey's, Mid Illinois's and First Community's financial results, are included in First Busey's, Mid Illinois's and First Community's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Additional information First Busey will file a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC in connection with each proposed transaction. Each registration statement will include a proxy statement of Mid Illinois or First Community that also constitutes a prospectus of First Busey, which will be sent to the shareholders of the respective company. Mid Illinois's and First Community's shareholders are advised to read the proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available because it will contain important information about First Busey, Mid Illinois, First Community and the proposed transactions. When filed, this document and other documents relating to the merger filed by First Busey, Mid Illinois and First Community can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). These documents also can be obtained free of charge by accessing First Busey's website at [www.busey.com](http://www.busey.com) under the tab "Investors Relations" and then under "SEC Filings" or by accessing First Community's website at [www.fcbankgroup.com](http://www.fcbankgroup.com) under "Investor Relations" and then under "SEC Filings." Alternatively, these documents, when available, can be obtained free of charge from First Busey upon written request to First Busey Corporation, Corporate Secretary, 100 W. University Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61820 or by calling (217) 365-4544, or from Mid Illinois, upon written request to Mid Illinois Bancorp, Inc., Attn: Mark Joseph, 2119 S.W. Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602 or by calling (309) 676-0521, or from First Community, upon written request to First Community Financial Partners, Inc., Corporate Secretary, 2801 Black Road, Joliet, Illinois 60435 or by calling (815) 725-1885.

### **Participants in these Transactions**

First Busey, Mid Illinois, First Community and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareholders in connection with the proposed transactions under the rules of the SEC. Information about these participants may be found in the definitive proxy statement of First Busey relating to its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the SEC on April 14, 2016. This definitive proxy statement can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Additional information regarding the interests of these participants will also be included in the proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transactions when it becomes available.