



## FIRST BUSEY FINALIZES MERGER OF SOUTH SIDE TRUST & SAVINGS BANK

First Busey Corporation has completed the merger of South Side Trust & Savings Bank with and into its banking subsidiary, Busey Bank. As of March 16, 2018, South Side Bank branches are now part of Busey's suite of financial services. Busey and South Side Bank are pleased to **expand upon shared values, beliefs and a commitment to customer service, lasting relationships and community.**

As two strong, community banks committed to **service excellence** in Peoria Tri-County, this partnership combines the best of both organizations, including added expertise and additional services. We are pleased to meet customers' growing needs through a broad range of financial solutions, including an enhanced online and mobile banking platform, and expanded capabilities, such as lending and cash management solutions and farm management and brokerage services.

Valuing an engaged and empowered workforce, **both organizations are committed to building a premier, service-oriented, community-minded experience.** As a testament to Busey's culture, the organization is deeply humbled to be consistently recognized among **Best Banks to Work For** in the United States and **Best Places to Work in Illinois** since 2016 by associates, *Best Companies Group* and *American Banker* magazine.

Busey is honored to partner with South Side Bank in 2018 and beyond—**growing forward, together.** We look forward to building upon the history of **service excellence** of both organizations—providing expanded products, services and expertise.

Through the merger with and into Busey Bank, customers have access to 44 banking centers serving Illinois, including 12 in Peoria Tri-County, 13 banking centers in the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area, 5 banking centers serving southwest Florida, a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana and 25,000+ MoneyPass® surcharge-free ATMs throughout the United States.

***Growing Forward, Together. Busey and South Side Bank.***