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## NEWS RELEASE

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### IDAHO BANK OF COMMERCE CEO TOM ROMRELL TO PARTICIPATE AT NATIONAL COMMUNITY BANKING CONFERENCE

(Boise) -- "Community Banking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", sponsored by the Federal Reserve System and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) is the second annual nationwide community bank research and policy conference focused on the challenges and opportunities facing community banks. The "By Invitation Only" conference includes only two Idaho representatives: Tom Romrell, CEO of Idaho Bank of Commerce, headquartered in Idaho Falls, and Gavin Gee, director, Idaho Department of Finance. Speakers at the conference will include Federal Reserve Board Governor Jerome Powell, CSBS President and CEO John Ryan, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis President James Bullard and Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President Esther George. The conference will be held on September 23-24, 2014, at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

"Community banks play a vital role and are integral members of the communities they serve. They not only provide loans and other vitally important financial services to grow and strengthen their communities, but also donate significant time and financial resources to improve the communities they work and live in. Tom Romrell is a terrific example of the finest qualities of a community banker," Gee said. His many years as the CEO of The Bank of Commerce have demonstrated his excellent leadership skills and many contributions to civic causes and the economic growth and quality of life in southeastern Idaho. Under his leadership, The Bank of Commerce has grown in total assets to \$957 million and is recognized nationally and locally as a safe and sound high performing bank. Romrell added, "I look forward to representing my community bank colleagues and addressing the vital role that community banks play in our economy while exploring the research and policy initiatives that are necessary to strengthen community banks now and in the future."

The Bank of Commerce recently was again named "Best Bank" this year by the *Post Register* newspaper in Idaho Falls. As a locally owned and operated community bank, The Bank of Commerce donates to over 150 organizations each year, including schools, food banks, civic groups and other non-profit entities. Bank employees provide financial education in classrooms of local schools and to low income families.

The conference will begin on September 23, 2014 at 8 a.m. Central time (7 a.m. Mountain time) and the live webcast can be accessed at: [stlouisfed.org/live](http://stlouisfed.org/live).

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