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SUBJECT: Community Banking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Survey

State bank departments across the country in coordination with the Federal Reserve are planning the [fourth annual](#) Community Banking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century research and policy conference. The goal of the conference is to provide a venue and encourage research on community banking. This research is a critical component to improving public policy as it relates to community banks and local communities. The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation is fully supportive of the future of community banking and believes that the completion of the survey will help the banking industry and regulators better understand the current issues facing community banks.

For last year's conference, state regulators conducted a nationwide survey of community banks with approximately 1,000 banks participating. The results of the survey and the town hall meetings are highlighted in a publication released during the conference. The 2015 report can be read at the following web site:

<https://www.communitybanking.org/documents/Community-Banking-in-the-21st-Century-2015.pdf>

The survey for 2016 is now live. The purpose of the survey is to give researchers and policy makers an opportunity to hear directly from community banks on a range of important topics. Please take the time to complete the 2016 survey, which is available at the following URL:

<https://sri.cornell.edu/CB21/2016/>

Completion should take no longer than 30 minutes.

Please feel free to contact our Springfield office at (217) 785-2900 should you have any questions about the survey.

Thank you for your engagement.