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First Busey Corporation CEO Van Dukeman interviewed on PBS' Nightly Business Report.

CHAMPAIGN, IL – First Busey Corporation President & CEO Van Dukeman was interviewed on PBS' Nightly Business Report Wednesday, November 24th. Please click [here](#) for video of the interview. Dukeman and the host, Tom Hudson, discussed the most recent round of quantitative easing, the so-called QE2, by the Federal Reserve, and whether the effects from that action are being felt in the central Illinois market at this time.

Although results from the recent Fed action are not expected for two to three quarters, Dukeman said he is seeing positive indications in local markets. Citing an increase in orders, a pickup in commercial real estate demand and improvement in employment numbers, Dukeman characterized the downstate Illinois economy as soft, but improving. Busey continues to lend across all categories and according to Dukeman demand is increasing. He is available for further comment at van.dukeman@busey.com and by phone at 217-351-2741.

The Nightly Business Report, distributed by PBS, is carried by more than 250 local PBS stations, reaching 93% of US TV households. With weekly viewership of 2.6 million, NBR is consistently television's most-watched business news program. NBR has been available for more than 30 years and is broadcast locally on WILL-TV.

Corporate Profile

First Busey Corporation is a \$3.5 billion financial holding company headquartered in Champaign, Illinois. Busey Bank, First Busey Corporation's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, is headquartered in Champaign, Illinois and has thirty-three banking centers serving downstate

Illinois, a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana, and seven banking centers serving southwest Florida. Busey Bank had total assets of \$3.5 billion as of September 30, 2010.

Busey Wealth Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey Corporation. Through Busey Trust Company, Busey Wealth Management delivers trust, asset management, retail brokerage and insurance products and services. As of September 30, 2010, Busey Wealth Management had approximately \$3.3 billion in assets under care.

First Busey Corporation owns a retail payment processing subsidiary, FirstTech, Inc., which processes over 28 million transactions per year through online bill payments, lockbox processing and walk-in payments through its 3,500 agent locations in 32 states.

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