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First Busey Corporation Names Jon D. Stewart to Board of Directors

Champaign, IL – First Busey Corporation (NASDAQ: BUSE) is pleased to announce Jon D. Stewart has been named a director of its board, effective immediately. Stewart’s appointment brings the First Busey Corporation board to twelve members. Stewart has served on the Busey Bank board since 2002, and was selected to its holding company board for his strategic insight, experienced business acumen and previous success managing multi-channel operations in market geographies similar to Busey.

Stewart graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1977 with a Bachelor’s degree in Geography; he received his MBA in Marketing from the University of Arkansas in 1980. Stewart has over thirty-five years of professional experience with an emphasis in the areas of marketing, sales, and supply chain management. He currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of Tri-Star Marketing, Inc., a third generation family business founded in 1947.

“Jon brings a valuable perspective to Busey with his past service to the Busey Bank board, as well as his successes in the private sector,” said Van Dukeman, President & CEO of First Busey Corporation. *“We recognize and value the knowledge and thoughtful insights he will continue to share with Busey as a member of the holding company Board.”*

In addition to various civic, charitable and social activities, Stewart currently serves on the Board of Illinois Financing Partners, LLC, and is a Trustee for the Carle Foundation Health System.

“I’m very familiar with Busey’s strategic intentions, as well as the communities they serve,” said Stewart. *“I am excited about the opportunity to continue collaborating with Busey by serving on its holding company board, and look forward to further advancing the vision of the company and driving shareholder value.”*

Corporate Profile

For the second consecutive year, First Busey Corporation (NASDAQ: BUSE) has been selected from over 8,000 U.S. companies for *Forbes'* list of America's Most Trustworthy Companies. This year *Forbes* extracted the list further by separately identifying the **50 Most Trustworthy Financial Companies in America**—Busey tied for the third highest score among rated organizations. We are honored that our dedication to conservative accounting practices and solid corporate governance has once again been recognized—a further tribute to our success over the past 146 years. For the full article, visit Forbes.com or click [here](#).



First Busey Corporation (Nasdaq:BUSE) is a \$3.5 billion financial holding company headquartered in Champaign, Illinois. Busey Bank, First Busey Corporation's wholly-owned bank subsidiary, is also headquartered in Champaign, Illinois and has twenty-eight banking centers serving Illinois, a banking center in Indianapolis, Indiana, and seven banking centers serving southwest Florida. Trevett Capital Partners, a wealth management division of Busey Bank, provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to high net worth clients in southwest Florida. The wealth management professionals of Trevett Capital Partners can be reached through trevettcapitalpartners.com. Busey Bank had total assets of \$3.5 billion as of June 30, 2014.

In addition, First Busey Corporation owns a retail payment processing subsidiary, FirsTech, Inc., through Busey Bank, which processes over 22 million transactions per year using online bill payment, lockbox processing and walk-in payments at its 3,000 agent locations in 36 states. More information about FirsTech, Inc. can be found at firstechinc.com.

Busey Wealth Management is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Busey Corporation. Through Busey Trust Company, Busey Wealth Management provides asset management, investment and fiduciary services to individuals, businesses and foundations. As of June 30, 2014, Busey Wealth Management's assets under care were approximately \$5.1 billion.

For more information on financial services provided through Busey Bank and Busey Wealth Management—as well as Busey's recent awards and recognition—visit busey.com.

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