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## **Commerce Street Capital Provided Fairness Opinion to Commercial Bancshares, Inc.**

**DALLAS (April 18, 2013)** — Commerce Street Capital, LLC (“CSC”), a Dallas-based investment banking firm, played a role in the recent announcement of the merger of two community banks. CSC provided a fairness opinion to Commercial Bancshares Inc. and its wholly-owned operating subsidiary Commercial State Bank (collectively “Commercial State”), which is merging with City State Bancshares, Inc. and its wholly-owned operating subsidiary City State Bank of Palacios. This announcement was made by Dory Wiley, President and CEO of Commerce Street Holdings, LLC, (the holding company of CSC).

The “merger of equals” between banks was announced exclusively in the [Houston Business Journal](#) on [April 17, 2013](#).

“We provided our client, Commercial State, with unbiased analyses and an independent opinion required to fulfill their needs on the transaction’s fairness,” stated Brian Johnson, Vice President of CSC’s Financial Institutions Group. Johnson worked closely with Johnny Brooks of Commercial State and Brendan Acharyakosol, a managing director at CSC. “Price, in particular, is a critical metric for boards to consider when evaluating a transaction,” Johnson added. CSC is recognized as a leader in the industry for its bank valuation and fairness opinion practice.

CSC’s Financial Institutions Group practice centers exclusively on serving the needs of the financial services sector. The group aims to provide sound, comprehensive advice, expert structuring and optimum execution to banks, bank-holding companies, and allied businesses.

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