

## Commerce Street Capital Earns M&A Award

**DALLAS (March 9, 2012)** — Commerce Street Capital, LLC (“CSC”) was honored at the Dallas Business Journal and ACG Dallas/Fort Worth annual M&A Awards event held on March 8 at the Hotel Palomar Dallas. CSC was awarded as the winner of the small deal (under \$50 million) category for its exceptional work on an acquisition of a community bank as well as a \$16.4 million capital raise.

A panel of Dallas/Fort Worth industry experts reviewed entries that closed within the 2011 calendar year and looked for exemplary transactions that have had community impact, defied the odds or required extra creativity to seal the deal. In addition to the awards event, a special section was also published on March 9 in the Dallas Business Journal.

The award-winning deal, where TXRB Holdings, Inc. (TXRB) acquired the 121-year-old Frisco-based Texas Republic Bank, N.A., is the perfect example of how an experienced bank management team can get back into community banking by buying a bank. In the end, the team at TXRB gets to build a bank in the fastest growing city in the nation and operate a true locally owned and locally managed community bank.

The deal involved strategic and creative negotiations between all parties including CSC’s Vice President Will Whitsitt and Chairman of Commerce Street Holdings, LLC (CSC’s broker/dealer parent company) William D. “Tex” Gross.

### **About Commerce Street Capital**

Commerce Street Capital, LLC (“CSC”) is a private investment banking firm headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Led by veterans of the banking industry, CSC specializes in investment banking services (mergers and acquisitions, valuations and regulatory issue advising) and bank development (on-site consulting and management of capital raising, market assessments, application development, board of director placement). The firm provides tailored solutions for all or part of a financial institution’s business lifecycle. For more information, visit [www.commercestreetcapital.com](http://www.commercestreetcapital.com) or call 214-545-6800. Commerce Street Capital is a member of FINRA/SIPC.

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