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### INSTANT RATING CONFIRMATION

# Color Code And Star Rating for Period Ending

ID#	Institution Name	City/State	Туре	06/30/2014	03/31/2014	12/31/2013	09/30/2013
00628	JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N	COLUMBUS/OH	BK	GREEN/*	GREEN/*	GREEN/*	GREEN/*
34147	BANK RHODE ISLAND	PROVIDENCE/RI	BB	GREEN/***	GREEN/***	GREEN/***	GREEN/***
00026	FARMERS	JACKSONVILLE/FL	CU	GREEN/***	YELLOW/**	YELLOW/**	YELLOW/**

BB = Blue Ribbon (8 Qtrs or More) Bank

BK = Bank

CU = Credit Union

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### DESCRIPTION OF RATING CRITERIA: COLOR CLASSIFICATION

VERIBANC's color code is a quick-look measure of an institution's condition based on its equity strength and profitability. Three colors are used - GREEN, YELLOW and RED. The criteria by which VERIBANC determines the color category for an institution are as follows:

**GREEN** The institution's equity is five percent or more of its assets <u>and</u> it had positive net income during the most recent reporting period. Of the three color categories, this is the highest based on the criteria described.

YELLOW The institution's equity is between three and five percent of its assets <u>or</u> it has incurred a net loss during the most recent reporting period. Both of these conditions may apply. If there is a net loss, the loss was not sufficient to erode a significant<sup>†</sup> portion of the institution's equity. The items that result in a YELLOW classification merit your attention.

**RED** The institution's equity is less than three percent of its assets <u>or</u> it has incurred a significant<sup>†</sup> net loss during the most recent reporting period. The items that result in a RED classification deserve your close attention.

† A quarterly loss is considered significant when it exceeds 18.75 percent of a Bank or Credit Union's equity.

#### STAR CLASSIFICATION

In addition to the color code, VERIBANC classifies each institution with three stars (\*\*\*), two stars (\*), one star (\*) or no stars (U). The star rating considers future trends and contingencies not accounted for in the color classification. The criteria used by VERIBANC to determine the number of stars assigned to an institution are as follows:

- \*\*\* The institution must meet the following primary conditions: equity which is five or more percent of assets, equity which is four or more percent of assets after deducting problem loans in excess of its loan loss reserves, <u>and</u> positive net income for the most recent reporting period. Banks must also satisfy all three regulatory capital requirements (see \* paragraph). In addition, inside lending must not exceed 35 percent of equity. An institution may only have two or fewer volatile periods of asset growth over the past ten quarters. If the Bank is owned by a Holding Company, all of the Holding Company's Banks taken together must meet the criteria necessary for the group to receive at least a two stars rating. For Banks and Credit Unions, problem investments also include investments that, if sold, would realize less than their costs.
- \*\* The institution meets any two of the three primary conditions for the three stars category and has equity that meets or exceeds its unreserved problem loans. If the institution has a net loss for the most recent reporting period, the loss was not significant. Banks must also satisfy all three regulatory capital requirements (see \* paragraph). An institution may only have three volatile periods of asset growth over the past ten quarters. Additionally, if the Bank is owned by a Holding Company, all of the Holding Company's Banks together must meet the criteria necessary for the group to receive at least a two stars rating. For Banks and Credit Unions that have investments with a current market value that is less than their costs, that difference must not exceed equity.
- \* The institution meets at least one of the primary conditions required for the three stars category, reports equity which is three or more percent of assets and also meets or exceeds unreserved problem loans. If the institution has a net loss for the most recent reporting period, the loss was not significant<sup>†</sup>. Moreover, if the institution is a Bank, it meets at least two of the three federal capital requirements of tier one (core) capital, total risk based capital as a percentage of risk-weighted assets and tier one capital as a percentage of average assets. An institution has four or more volatile periods of asset growth over the past ten quarters. A Bank may receive no higher than a one-star rating if all of the Banks in its Holding Company, taken together as if they were a single Bank, receive a one-star or a no-stars rating. Also a Bank or Credit Union may receive a one star rating if, absent other reasons for downrating as stated above, the difference between the cost and current market value of its investments exceeds the institution's equity.

No Stars/Unclassified (U) The institution does not meet the criteria above.

FAILED – This institution has been closed by its regulator.

Approximately 2,000 of the Green, three-stars rated Banks qualify for VERIBANC's Blue Ribbon award each quarter. Blue Ribbon Banks are premium banks that have met additional very high standards. Since 1982, when we began designating Banks for this award, there has only been one Blue Ribbon Bank failure\*.

\*Fraud committed by the president whereby he was surreptitiously diverting deposits for his personal use.

VERIBANC's unique color code has been used by investors and depositors to rate the safety of financial institutions since 1981.

**VERIBANC invites you to recheck the ratings of your Banks and Credit Unions** when the next set of data is released by the government regulatory agencies. Data is usually released 2 months after the quarter end.