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## Legence Bank Groundbreaking for New Corporate Office in Eldorado Oct. 22

Eldorado, IL—Legence Bank is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for its new Corporate Office in Eldorado, IL. The groundbreaking will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 22 at the site, located at the corner of US Highway 45 and Illinois Route 142, formerly known as the Dairy Queen location. The Legence Bank Board of Directors approved building the new corporate office at the directors' Sep. 24, 2013 meeting.

"We are delighted to celebrate the construction of the Legence Bank Corporate Office in Eldorado, which demonstrates our continued investment in and commitment to the Southern Illinois community," said Martin B. Rowe, President and CEO of First Eldorado Bancshares, holding company of Legence Bank. "We believe that when we grow and are successful, our customers and the communities we serve also share in that success," said Rowe.

Evan Lloyd Associates, Inc. Architects designed the new corporate office, H.E. Mitchell Construction of Harrisburg, IL will serve as the general contractor and Pete Wooley will serve as the construction manager. Legence Bank will be using local businesses, to the extent possible, to complete the subcontracting work. Clearing has begun at the site, and the building is expected to be completed and open during the summer of 2014.

The facility will be approximately 14,000 square feet, and will feature a training room, executive offices and other cubicles. The exact address of the Legence Bank Corporate Office will be 1200 US Highway 45 in Eldorado.

Legence Bank President and CEO Kevin Beckemeyer said that growth, recent acquisitions and expansion of farm mortgage operations resulted in the need to build. "You'll still find our loan officers, customer service representatives and tellers at our Main Facility on 4<sup>th</sup> and Locust in Eldorado," said Beckemeyer. "By moving our executive offices, IT, human resources, audit and compliance, loan and deposit operations, marketing, and e-branch functions and consolidating back room operations in the new Corporate Office, we'll gain business efficiencies and free up more space for retail and customer service at the Main Bank," added Beckemeyer.

"Legence Bank brings over 100 years of personal, caring service to this area, and we appreciate the great support we have received from local elected officials, neighboring businesses and the Southeastern Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission as we continue to grow right here where we live and work," said Rowe.

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Legence Bank Corporate Office, architects' depiction, Evan Lloyd Associates, Inc. Architects, to be completed summer of 2014 and located at the corner of US Highway 45 and Illinois Route 142 in Eldorado, IL.

