

# Media Release



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**To the Editor:**

## Gateway Bank: The Lifeblood of the Community

**May 2011: Gateway Commercial Bank, Mesa, Arizona** is proud to be recognized as a 5-Star Superior Bank by **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida**, the nation's bank rating firm. Earning this highest 5-Star rating for strength and stability, Mr. James E. Christensen, president/CEO, and the entire team at Gateway Bank have proven their commitment to their customers. To earn Bauer's 5-Star Superior rating, Gateway Bank must excel in areas of capital adequacy, delinquent loan levels and profitability to name just a few.

Gateway Bank was established in 2007 and has been serving the banking needs of its neighbors and friends for four years. It operates through conveniently located offices on East Warner Road in Mesa and can also be found on the internet at [www.gcbaz.com](http://www.gcbaz.com).

According to Karen L. Dorway, president of the research firm, "community banks, like Gateway Bank, tend to know their customers, the local business community, when to grant a loan... and when not to grant one. What many people don't realize is that community banks actually have better balance sheets than their larger counterparts. Their capital ratios and nonperforming asset ratios are typically much more impressive than larger institutions. These are not the banks that threaten our economic well-being. On the contrary, they are the lifeblood of it."

Gateway Bank: "Your 5-Star Community Bank."

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