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## BUSINESS BANCSHARES, INC. REPORTS \$308,000 PROFIT IN THIRD QUARTER, \$1.4 MILLION PROFIT THROUGH NINE MONTHS OF 2011

St. Louis, MO., November 18, 2011 – Business Bancshares, Inc., parent holding company for The Business Bank of St. Louis, announced third guarter 2011 financial results.

Total assets as of September 30, 2011 were \$506 million, a decrease of \$96.5 million when compared to September 30, 2010. Net loans declined \$31.9 million during the same time period. Shareholders' equity is \$52 million, a decrease of \$2.9 million from a year earlier. Capital ratios are significantly above the "well-capitalized" thresholds. Nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets is 3.96%, compared to 4.86%, twelve months earlier.

The Company reported net income of \$308,000 during the third quarter compared to a net loss of \$2.1 million during the third quarter of 2010. Year-to-date net income of \$1.4 million improved from a net loss of \$2.3 million during the first nine months of 2010.

Net income available to common shareholders totaled \$104,000 during the third quarter compared to a net loss of \$2.4 million during the third quarter of 2010. Year-to-date net income available to common shareholders totaled \$813,000 compared to net losses available to common shareholders of \$2.9 million through September 30, 2010.

"The positive trends in earnings and credit quality continued in the third quarter," said Larry Kirby, Chief Executive Officer and President of The Business Bank of St. Louis. "Our improved results reflect a higher margin, higher noninterest income and lower credit costs compared to 2010. While the economy remains a concern, the Bank is well positioned once the overall economic environment improves."

Business Bancshares, Inc. is a single bank holding company and parent of The Business Bank of St. Louis. The Business Bank was founded in 2002 and operates a full service banking facility from its one location at 8000 Maryland Avenue in Clayton, Missouri.

## **Financial Highlights**

5 5	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2010
Balance Sheet Data	·	
Total Assets	\$505,901,000	\$602,410,000
Net Loans	387,835,000	419,762,000
Total Deposits	414,218,000	493,807,000
Total Shareholders' Equity	51,563,000	54,452,000
Common Shareholder's Equity	35,813,000	38,702,000
Book Value Per Common Share	\$16.86	\$18.21
Common Shares Outstanding	2,124,664	2,125,864
Capital Ratios		
Tier 1 Risk-based Capital	14.09%	13.80%
Total Risk-based Capital	15.35%	15.06%
Leverage Ratio	12.49%	11.52%
Asset Quality		
Nonperforming Loans to Total Lo	pans 3.56%	4.15%
Nonperforming Assets to Total A	Assets 3.96%	4.86%
	Quarter Ended	Nine Months Ended
	September 30, 2011	September 30, 2011
Net Income	\$308,000	\$1,426,000
Net Income Available to Common Shareho	lders \$104,000	\$813,000
Diluted Earnings Per Common Share (EPS	\$0.05	\$0.38
Performance Ratios		
Return on Average Assets	0.25%	0.37%
Return on Average Common Eq	uity 1.14%	3.04%
Net Interest Margin	3.72%	3.60%
Efficiency Ratio	59.08%	61.22%
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