



F&M Bank Partners with Merced County Economic Development Corp. to Support Local Job Creation

Dateline: *Lodi, Calif., December 17, 2010...* Kent A. Steinwert, President and Chief Executive Officer of F&M Bank announced that the Bank has made a donation to the Merced County Economic Development Corporation ("MCEDCO") to purchase a sophisticated computer software tool for their use in securing Federal funding for job creation, job retention, and to support economic development initiatives within Merced County.

"This donation demonstrates our commitment to Merced County. Since opening our first Merced branch in 2009 we continue to grow, and our employees volunteer numerous hours to many worthwhile organizations in Merced County," stated Kent Steinwert.

"We are proud to partner with the Merced County Economic Development Corporation and to help in improving the economic climate within the County. Reinvesting in the communities we serve has been a priority of F&M Bank throughout our 94-year history," said Steinwert. "Our numerous donations provide financial support for services ranging from childcare, education, job training, and affordable housing."

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