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## **VOLUNTEER STATE BANK RAMPS UP EXPANSION**

### ***Bank opens second Hendersonville office and plans expansion into Goodlettsville***

GOODLETTSVILLE, Tenn. July 6, 2007 – Much like the communities in which it serves, Volunteer State Bank is rapidly growing to meet the needs of local residents. The bank recently opened a new office in Hendersonville and has purchased land in Goodlettsville for the construction of a new office there.

The addition of the two new offices will increase Volunteer State Bank's branch network by 33 percent, from six to eight offices.

Plans are also underway to build a new main office in Hendersonville to replace the office on West Main Street. The bank purchased land on Maple Drive for the new location. The West Main Street office will be torn down to make way for a road expansion.

"Community banking is about serving the people," said Matt Ricker, bank president. "We're expanding our reach to provide more convenience to our customers and as well as opportunities for our neighbors to experience how a great community bank works."

The new Hendersonville office is located at 530 New Shackle Island Road, and is the second location in that city. The building sits on a 2-acre lot across the street from Good Shepard United Methodist Church. It was designed by the architectural firm of Lyle Cook Martin and built by McPherson-Shaw, Inc.

The same team architect and builder will be used for the new office in Goodlettsville, which will be located at the corner of Long Hollow Pike and Caldwell Drive. The bank broke ground on the new location in June. Additionally, the bank has purchased property in Gallatin for possible future expansion.

Chartered in 1977 in Portland, Volunteer State Bank is a fast growing community bank in Middle Tennessee with assets of over \$262 million and offices in Sumner and Robertson County. The bank currently has seven locations in Portland, Gallatin, Hendersonville, Orlinda, Springfield and White House. Volunteer State continues to expand its products through its subsidiaries, Guaranty Trust Company and Middle Tennessee Insurance Agency.

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