

EXHIBIT "A"
BID FORM

TO: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
1601 Bryan St. - Suite 32128
Dallas, Texas 75201

Attention: Manager - Franchise Marketing
Division of Resolutions and Receiverships

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company

FROM: Raleigh, NC FDIC # 11063

BID FOR: Venture Bank
Lacy, WA (the "Bank")

The undersigned Potential Acquirer submits this Bid Form ("Bid"), in accordance with the Instructions to Potential Acquirers ("Instructions") and instructions contained on this Form, to acquire certain assets and liabilities pursuant to a Purchase and Assumption (Whole Bank) with Loss Share Agreement.

This is bid number 1
of 1 bids submitted.

I. Transaction # 1 – All Deposits

The Potential Acquirer is: First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company
Raleigh NC FDIC #11063.
(Name, City, State)

The asset premium (discount) bid must be stated as a dollar amount. The Deposit premium bid must be stated as a percentage. Bids may be stated as a positive or as a negative number. When completing the Bid Form, Potential Acquirers **must** indicate a negative bid by placing parenthesis "(") around the number. Bids will be considered positive if not in parenthesis. If no bid is made for a transaction or option, leave the space blank or write "no bid". If one of the two components is filled in and the other is blank, the bid will be treated as a live bid with a bid of 0 in the blank. **A bid of zero in any form will be treated as a live bid of \$0 or 0%.**

The asset premium (discount) bid is: \$ < 110 million >
The Deposit premium bid is:* None %.

*All Deposits will be assumed, but the bid is calculated on only certain deposits per the bid instructions.

This is a discount bid in the amount of one-hundred ten million \$.

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of _____ bids submitted.

II. Transaction #2 – Insured Deposits Only

The Potential Acquirer is: _____
(Name, City, State)

The asset premium (discount) bid must be stated as a dollar amount. The Deposit premium bid must be stated as a percentage. Bids may be stated as a positive or as a negative number. When completing the Bid Form, Potential Acquirers **must** indicate a negative bid by placing parenthesis "(" around the number. Bids will be considered positive if not in parenthesis. If no bid is made for a transaction or option, leave the space blank or write "no bid". If one of the two components is filled in and the other is blank, the bid will be treated as a live bid with a bid of 0 in the blank. **A bid of zero in any form will be treated as a live bid of \$0 or 0%.**

The asset premium (discount) bid is: \$ _____.

The Deposit premium bid is:* _____ %.

*The bid is calculated on only certain deposits per the bid instructions.

No bid.

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III. Resulting Institution Information (Place "Xs" where and as appropriate)

A. If the Potential Acquirer's Bid is accepted:

(i) the resulting financial institution will be a
 bank
 thrift

Assets and liabilities of the Bank will be merged into / combined with First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company

(ii) the resulting financial institution
 will
 will not
involve a de novo institution

(iii) the resulting financial institution
 will
 will not
be operated as a branch of the Acquirer

B. Upon consummation of any transaction contemplated in this Bid, the name of the resulting financial institution involved in the transaction will be

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company

and such institution will be a:

- national bank
- state member bank
- state non member bank
- federal savings bank
- state savings bank
- federal savings and loan association
- state savings and loan association
- other (please explain)

C. To be completed **only** if a holding company is involved:

Name of holding company: First Citizens Banc Shares, Inc.

Address of holding company: Raleigh, NC

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The holding company ^{is} ~~will be:~~ Financial Holding Company

bank holding company
 thrift holding company

IV. Contact

The following person is the designated contact person for the Potential Acquirer:

Name: Kenneth A. Black

Title: Executive Vice President

Address: PO Box 27131 mailcode FCC-07
Raleigh NC 27611-7131

Telephone: 919-716-7336 (office)
_____ (other)

Facsimile: 919-716-7960

cc: Name: _____

V. Consummation of Transaction

The Potential Acquirer agrees that upon notification (which may be verbal) from the Corporation that the Potential Acquirer's Bid with respect to one of the transactions contemplated herein has been accepted, the Potential Acquirer will execute the appropriate agreement(s) and work diligently to consummate the transaction. Such consummation shall occur at such time and place as the Corporation in its sole discretion determines.

The Potential Acquirer represents and warrants that it has executed and delivered to the Corporation a Confidentiality Agreement, is eligible to purchase assets and able to execute a Purchaser Eligibility Certification ("Certification") and that all information provided and representations made by or on behalf of the Potential Acquirer in connection with this transaction and the transactions contemplated hereby, including, but not limited to, the

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Confidentiality Agreement and its eligibility to purchase assets and ability to execute a Certification, are and remain true and correct in all material respects and do not fail to state any fact required to make the information contained therein not misleading. The Potential Acquirer agrees that if it is a successful bidder that on notification it will execute and immediately deliver to the FDIC a Certification via fax and overnight delivery.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Potential Acquirer, hereby certifies that (i) the Potential Acquirer has full power and authority to submit this Bid and has taken all corporate action necessary with respect thereto, and (ii) the undersigned has been duly authorized to execute and submit this Bid on behalf of the Potential Acquirer.

A Board resolution authorizing the submission of the bid and authorizing this representative to sign on behalf of the institution or group has been submitted with each bid form.

Printed Name of Potential Acquirer

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company

By: Kenneth A. Black
(signature)

Name: Kenneth A. Black

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: 9/4/09