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COMMUNITY BANKING CONFERENCE 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Summary: The FDIC is providing highlights from the Community Banking Conference held April 6, 2016 themed *Strategies for Long-Term Success*. Four conference panels discussed the community banking model; regulatory developments; managing technology challenges; and ownership structure and succession planning. In addition, the FDIC is sharing information about steps taken to-date in response to issues raised at the Conference.

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Highlights:

- Given the vital role community banks play in the U.S. financial system and economy, the day-long conference drew more than 250 community bankers and other industry participants.
- Four separate panels explored the following critical challenges for community banks:
 - Viability of the community banking model
 - Regulatory developments as they pertain to community banks
 - Ways that technology affects community banks
 - How community banks are managing ownership structure and succession planning
- The FDIC has taken steps to respond to issues raised at the conference. The FDIC:
 - Hosted a panel discussion at a meeting of the FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking about the millennial generation and their banking preferences.
 - Conducted three outreach meetings with more than 100 industry participants to provide guidance about the formation of de novo institutions.
 - Issued for public comment a handbook for organizers of de novo institutions, describing the process of applying for federal deposit insurance and providing instruction about the application content.
 - Hosted a meeting with representatives of the industry and educational institutions to explore opportunities to partner in developing the next generation of community bankers.
- The FDIC recognizes the critical role that community banks play in the U.S. financial system and remains committed to helping community banks address existing and emerging challenges.