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Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida Names Cabot Hart Vice President and Senior Credit Administrator

July 15, 2011 – (Sarasota, Florida) – Shaun P. Merriman, President and CEO of Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida, announced today that Cabot Hart has joined the company's commercial banking team as Vice President and Senior Credit Administrator.

Mr. Hart joins Gateway Bank with 26 years of commercial banking and loan administration experience in the Sarasota/Bradenton community. In his new role, he assists the bank with underwriting and maintenance functions for loans to new prospects and existing clients. Prior to joining Gateway Bank, he was Vice President and Commercial Account Manager for 18 years at RBC Bank and its two predecessor banks, responsible for corporate and business banking relationships.

Hart holds a Bachelors of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama.

About Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida: Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida is an independent community bank serving business and consumer banking clients in Sarasota and Manatee counties. BauerFinancial (www.bauerfinancial.com) recently awarded Gateway Bank a 4-Star rating indicating the bank is well capitalized, exceeds regulatory compliance standards, and demonstrates high quality asset management.

Gateway Bank operates three full service banking locations. The main office is located at 1100 South Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. The University Parkway banking center is located at 6204 North Lockwood Ridge Road, and the Manatee Avenue Banking Center is located on the northwest corner of 21st Street West and Manatee Avenue West.

The shareholders and directors of Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida are primarily residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties. The Board of Directors includes: Charles J. Bartlett

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