

For Immediate Release Huntsville/Decatur/Madison/Florence, Alabama September 12, 2013

Progress Bank Among Finalists at Annual Small Business Awards Celebration

Progress Bank was voted as a finalist in the category "Small Businesses with 51-350 Employees" at the recent 28th Annual Small Business Awards Celebration hosted by the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Numerous small businesses were nominated for various awards and then asked to complete a thorough review process. Anonymous judges reviewed each contender's financial and business profile before selecting the Finalists and the Winner in each category. David Nast, Progress President and CEO stated, "There are so many high performing small businesses in Madison County. We are pleased to be a part of the small business community and congratulate everyone who was considered for an award. The Chamber did a great job recognizing the contributions these companies make to our economy."

Progress Bank opened in February 2008 and is the 16th largest bank headquartered in Alabama with \$521 million in total assets. In addition to 20% annual growth rates for the general bank, Progress also originates in excess of \$100 million annually in residential mortgage loans through its Mortgage Banking Division. Progress Financial Services, the investment services division for the company, has just under \$200 million in client assets under management.

About Progress Bank and Trust

Progress Bank is an Alabama State chartered commercial bank, Member FDIC, with offices in Huntsville, Decatur, Florence and Madison. The bank is a full service financial institution offering commercial, consumer, wealth management/investment services and mortgage banking services across its geographic footprint. You may visit our corporate website at www.myprogressbank.com to learn more about Progress Bank.