



## **ALLEGIANCE BANK TEXAS To Acquire ENTERPRISE BANK – HOUSTON, TX**

**HOUSTON, July 28, 2014.** Allegiance Bancshares, Inc. (Allegiance) and Farmers & Merchants Bancshares, Inc. (F & M) announced today the signing of a definitive agreement for Allegiance to acquire F & M and its wholly owned banking subsidiary, Enterprise Bank, Houston, Texas.

Enterprise Bank operates nine (9) banking offices primarily in the Houston Metropolitan Area. As of March 31, 2014, Enterprise Bank reported total assets of \$540 Million, total loans of \$399 Million and total deposits of \$461 Million.

“We are very pleased that the management of Enterprise Bank has agreed to join their great team with ours to serve the businesses in the Houston Metropolitan Area. We look forward to working together to fulfill the needs of the Houston business community,” commented George Martinez, CEO of Allegiance.

“We are excited to be joining an organization committed to staying independent and to serving the business community in Houston. We look forward for this merger to create many opportunities and benefits to our customers, employees and shareholders. Allegiance shares our passion for great customer service. This partnership will maintain that commitment and give us more products and services to offer our clients,” said Bill Woodby, CEO of Enterprise Bank.

The merger has been approved by the Boards of Directors of Allegiance and F & M and is expected to close during the 4th quarter of 2014, although delays could occur. The transaction is subject to customary conditions, including approval by the shareholders of both companies and regulatory approvals.

Bracewell & Giuliani LLP was legal counsel to Allegiance. Allegiance was advised in this transaction by Robert W. Baird & Co. The fairness opinion for Allegiance was provided by Sheshunoff & Co Investment Banking. Thompson & Knight LLP was legal counsel to F & M. F & M was advised in this transaction by Performance Trust Capital Partners, LLC and Vining Sparks IBG, L.P. The fairness opinion for F & M was provided by Performance Trust Capital Partners, LLC.

**Allegiance Bancshares, Inc.** Allegiance is a Houston, Texas based financial holding company formed in 2007. Through its banking subsidiary, Allegiance currently operates eleven (11) full service banking offices which serve the needs of owner-operated businesses in and around Houston, Texas. As of March 31, 2014, Allegiance reported total assets of \$1.2 Billion, total loans of \$868 Million and total deposits of \$1.0 Billion. Operating under a community banking philosophy and seeking to develop long term customer relationships based on providing extraordinary service, Allegiance offers a variety of traditional loan and deposit products to its customers, which consist primarily of small and medium sized businesses and consumers. [www.allegiancebanktexas.com](http://www.allegiancebanktexas.com)