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ALLEGIANCE BANCSHARES, INC. TO ACQUIRE INDEPENDENCE BANK – HOUSTON, TX

HOUSTON, August 5, 2013. Allegiance Bancshares, Inc. announced today the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire Independence Bank, Houston, Texas.

Independence Bank operates three (3) banking offices in the Houston Metropolitan Area. As of June 30, 2013, Independence Bank reported total assets of \$220 million, total loans of \$133 million and total deposits of \$196 million.

"This merger joins two great teams dedicated to serve Houston's businesses. We look forward to working together to fulfill on our commitment to the Houston community," commented George Martinez, Chairman of Allegiance Bancshares, Inc.

"The strong capabilities we have built at Independence Bank fully integrate with the resources of Allegiance Bancshares and will enable our combined organizations to better serve our customers, employees, shareholders and the Houston community," said Okan Akin, President and CEO of Independence Bank.

The merger has been approved by the Boards of Directors of Allegiance Bancshares, Inc. and Independence Bank and is expected to close during the 4th quarter of 2013, although delays may occur. The transaction is subject to certain conditions, including the approval by Independence Bank's shareholders and customary regulatory approvals.

Bracewell & Giuliani LLP was legal counsel to Allegiance Bancshares, Inc. Independence Bank was advised in this transaction by Thompson & Knight LLP and by Commerce Street Capital, LLC. Performance Trust Capital Partners, LLC provided the fairness opinion.

Allegiance Bancshares, Inc. Allegiance Bancshares, Inc. is a Houston, Texas based financial holding company formed in 2007. Allegiance currently operates seven (7) full service banking offices in Houston, Bellaire and Katy, Texas which serves the needs of owner-operated businesses in and around Houston, Texas. As of June 30, 2013, Allegiance Bank Texas reported total assets of \$825 million, total loans of \$633 million and total deposits of \$757 million. Operating under a community banking philosophy and seeking to develop long term customer relationships based on providing exceptional service, Allegiance Bank Texas 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