# Media Release

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**To the Editor:**

## Progress Bank & Trust:
## Rated 5-Stars by Bauer
## Two Names You Can Trust

**March 2013: Progress Bank & Trust, Huntsville, Alabama** is honored to be recognized once again as a 5-Star rated bank by **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc.**, the nation's leading bank rating and research firm. Bauer's highest 5-Star rating indicates that Progress Bank & Trust excels in areas of capital, asset quality, profitability and much more.

"Since 1983, BauerFinancial has been rating the nation's financial institutions", reflects Karen L. Dorway, president of the rating firm, "In all that time, one thing has remained constant: top performing institutions maintain strong policies, prudent underwriting and responsible investment. Progress Bank & Trust is a bank you can put your trust in."

Financial strength has been the priority for Progress Bank & Trust since its inception in 2008. Through its five conveniently located branch offices in Decatur, Huntsville, Madison and now Florence, Progress Bank & Trust has been a source of pride for its local community for five years (www.myprogressbank.com). Progress Bank & Trust is a member of the **FDIC** and an Equal Housing Lender.

Progress Bank & Trust: "Thinking Forward."

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