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**Loan quality improving, lending up
at state-chartered banks**

MADISON – Loan quality continued to improve and total lending grew by 1.7% at Wisconsin’s state-chartered banks in the first quarter of 2014, according to data released by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Compared to the first quarter in 2013, Wisconsin’s 191 state-chartered banks:

- Reduced past due loans to 2.45%, down from 3.24%.
- Increased net loans and leases to \$30.7 billion, up from \$30.2 billion.
- Grew their capital ratio to 11.59%, up from 11.52%.
- Recorded a return on assets of 0.91%, down from 0.98%.
- Posted net income of \$104.1 million, down from \$112.5 million.

“In many respects, the first quarter was a continuation of a solid 2013 for Wisconsin banks,” said Peter Bildsten, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI), the agency that oversees state-chartered banks. “Capital levels are strong, lending is up and loan portfolios are very solid. Those are all positive signs for Wisconsin banks and the state’s economy.”

Mike Mach, Administrator of DFI’s Division of Banking, said that nearly 98% of state-chartered banks were profitable in the first quarter.

He added that the past due loan ratio of 2.45% outpaced the U.S. average of 3.39% and is “at or approaching pre-recession levels.”

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