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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF BLACKSTONE BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits of Blackstone Bank and Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, to BayBank Boston, N.A., Boston, Massachusetts.

Blackstone Bank and Trust Company, with total assets of about \$54.0 million, was closed on Friday, March 15, 1991, by Thomas J. Curry, Massachusetts Banking Commissioner, and the FDIC was named liquidating agent.

The failed bank's sole office will not reopen; however, depositors of Blackstone Bank and Trust Company will have access to their insured deposits on Monday, March 18, 1991, at any of BayBank's Boston branches. Uninsured depositors and other parties with claims against the failed bank can contact the FDIC at Blackstone Bank's former office.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because no purchase and assumption bids were received.

At the time the bank closed, its deposits totaled about \$53.3 million in 2,500 deposit accounts, including approximately \$75,000 in 17 accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000. Uninsured depositors and non depositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

Deposits in the failed bank up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000 will be available to their owners on Monday morning. In the interim, checks drawn on the failed bank's accounts, up to the insurance limit, will continue to be honored.

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Insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank. However, they should visit the acquiring bank during the next several weeks to discuss continuation of their banking relationship.

Administration of the transferred insured deposits will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. The acquiring bank is paying the FDIC a premium of \$1,000 for the right to receive the transferred deposits. The FDIC will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of \$53.9 million.

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