

Dear 8th District Banker:

The expectations for bank directors have never been higher. Your board members, particularly your outside directors, must have a sound understanding of their role and responsibilities and emerging corporate governance issues.

Recognizing this need, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis will join the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and other state and federal regulatory agencies in hosting a conference designed for directors of community banks. I would like to invite you and your Board to join me at the Springfield, Illinois conference on August 14.

You can view the conference agenda and register very easily on-line at the Chicago Reserve Bank's web site by clicking on the URL link below. **Attendees must register because space is limited.** The enrollment deadline for the Springfield conference is August 1.

Registration is free and includes a continental breakfast and luncheon. The program will start promptly at 9:00 a.m., with check-in beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Director Training Coordinator Timothy J. Palmersheim at 800-642-6389, extension 1478 if you have questions about the program

Sincerely,

Julie L. Stackhouse

Senior Vice President

Registration site and Conference Agenda:

http://www.chicagofed.org/newsandevents/conferences/community_training_conferences/community_training_Registration.cfm