FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of KANSAS CITY

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Dear State Member Bank:

I am writing to inform you of a new online resource that is available to assist members of your board of directors: BankDirectorsDesktop.org.

This website has been developed to help new directors learn more about their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the safety and soundness of their institutions. While it is primarily aimed at those who are just beginning their boardroom careers, the website includes information that more-experienced directors may also find useful.

On the Bank Director's Desktop, you'll find links to the online training course "Training for Bank Directors," the latest edition of the comprehensive guidebook *Basics for Bank Directors*, and links to additional reference material.

Many people who are asked to join a bank's board do so without the benefit of training or guidance as to what their new role entails. Our experience shows that well-informed directors provide stronger leadership, better oversight, and are able to quickly and effectively address a wide variety of issues. The materials on BankDirectorsDesktop.org have been designed to meet this need, and I encourage your directors to take advantage of this tool.

I have included a postcard about this new resource that you can pass on to your directors. If you would like additional copies or have any questions about BankDirectorsDesktop.org, please contact Steve Henslee at (800) 333-1010, extension 12326.

Sincerely,

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Bank Director's Desktop

A Federal Reserve Resource

Your guide to the *roles and responsibilities of a bank director* starts here.

Visit the Bank Director's Desktop—an online tool to help ease you into the boardroom. At ***www.bankdirectorsdesktop.org*** you'll find information to give you a better understanding of the issues and responsibilities that bank directors face every day, providing a solid foundation for your new role.

The Bank Director's Desktop includes:

Training for Bank Directors

Basics for Bank Directors

Resources for Bank Directors

Bank directors have an important responsibility as the first line of defense in maintaining their institution's safety and soundness. Sharpen your skills and get up to speed online at ***www.bankdirectorsdesktop.org***.