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FIRST BANKERS TRUSTSHARES, INC.

Press Release

First Bankers Trustshares, Inc. Announces Quarterly Earnings Results

Earnings show 2012 one of the best in history of Company

Quincy, January 25, 2013: First Bankers Trustshares, Inc. released its earnings for 2012. Arthur E. Greenbank, President/CEO reported that earnings per share increased 26% from \$2.60 per share in 2011 to \$3.28 per share in 2012. Greenbank said "This has been one of the best years in the history of our Company."

First Bankers Trust Company, N. A., showed a 12% increase in assets to \$805 million at the end of 2012 compared to \$722 million in 2011. Deposits for the Bank increased almost 13% from a 2011 total of \$584 million to \$658 million in 2012. Loan balance also increased in 2012 to \$407 million from \$375 million in 2011.

First Bankers Trust Services, Inc., the Trust Company subsidiary, now has \$4.7 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2012, compared to \$3.5 billion the prior year.

The Company's return on equity was 12.84% in 2012 verses 11.26% in 2011. Greenbank reported that the dividend being paid to shareholders will increase almost 7% from \$0.15 per share to \$0.16 per in 2013; and the book value per share of the Company stock increased to \$26.76 from \$24.08 in 2012.

First Bankers Trust Company, N. A., and First Bankers Trust Services, Inc., are subsidiaries of First Bankers Trustshares, Inc.