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### **FUSB Employees attend Business Connections Tradeshow**

THOMASVILLE, AL – Connecting in business is the first step to growth. First United Security Bank professionals recently attended the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Connections Conference & Expo in Birmingham. The tradeshow was an opportunity for minority vendors to reach out to businesses.

“We value a presence at events of this nature, especially as we reach out to minority business enterprises in the areas we serve,” Mel Ann Sullivan, Community Development Officer said. “We are proud to be a part of the advisory board for Alabama Minority Business Opportunity Center and support its efforts to provide resources to small businesses.”

The theme of this year’s conference was “Growing Together” and was designed to provide Alabama’s top corporations and Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) with an opportunity to “grow together” through entrepreneurship and supply chain excellence. This concept is more critical now than ever as economic pressures force entrepreneurs to place an even higher priority on meeting new customers and enhancing relationships with existing ones.

Workshops were also held to give business owners information as to business opportunities that were available. Marketing Officer Mary Kelly and Commercial Lenders Bob Sellers and Chris Alvis from the Tuscaloosa and Bucksville branches were also on-hand to answer any questions that businesses owners may have about small business loans.

Established in 1952, First United Security Bank serves Clarke, Bibb, Choctaw, Jefferson, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Washington Counties through 19 offices in Brent, Butler, Calera, Centreville, Coffeerville, Columbiana, Fulton, Gilbertown, Grove Hill, Harpersville, Jackson, McCalla, Thomasville, Tuscaloosa, and Woodstock. The bank holds more than \$670 million in assets, is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, visit the bank's website at: [www.firstusbank.com](http://www.firstusbank.com). Blog at [firstusbank-usbi.blogspot.com](http://firstusbank-usbi.blogspot.com). Or write to: First United Security Bank, P.O. Box 249, Thomasville, AL 36784.