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Citizens State Bank's Kellie White Honored with USDA Recognition Award for Business Partners

LENA, Ill. – June 28, 2017 – Citizens State Bank is pleased to announce that CSB Loan Administrative Assistant Kellie White has been honored by the United States Department of Agriculture with the USDA Recognition Award for Business Partners.

Tom Brooks and Rachel Eissens from the Farm Service Agency, USDA Stephenson County, presented Kellie with the award June 21 at Citizens State Bank's Lena branch. Citizens State Bank has been utilizing the USDA/FSA Guarantee Farm Loan Program for many years. For the last 21 years, Kellie has been a strong advocate for the USDA/FSA program for her customers. She is responsible for processing guarantee loan applications, taking care of annual servicing requirements, and fielding questions from FSA staff.

"Kellie has been instrumental and has played a key role in our bank's usage of the guarantee program. Her background in agriculture, attention to detail, organizational skills, and strong relationship with our customers has enabled us to serve the needs and provide the benefits of the guarantee program to a large number of farm families in northwest Illinois," said Joel Kempel, Citizens State Bank Executive Vice President.



Pictured L-R: Dennis Groezinger, Brock Musser, Joel Kempel, Kellie White, Fritz Kuhlmeier, all from CSB, and Tom Brooks and Rachel Eissens from the Farm Service Agency, USDA Stephenson County

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