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Treasury Department Announces Public Offering of Warrants to Purchase Common Stock of Sterling Bancshares, Inc.

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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced today that it has commenced a secondary public offering of up to 2,615,557 warrants to purchase the common stock of Sterling Bancshares, Inc. (the "Company"). The proceeds of this sale will provide an additional return to the American taxpayer from Treasury's investment in the Company beyond the dividend payments it received on the related preferred stock. The offering is expected to price through a modified Dutch auction. Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. is the sole underwriter for this offering.

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., in its capacity as auction agent, has specified that the auction will commence at 8 a.m., Eastern Time, on June 9, 2010, and will close at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time, on that same day (the "submission deadline"). During the auction period, potential bidders for the warrants will be able to place bids at any price (in increments of \$0.05) at or above the minimum bid price of \$0.85 per warrant.

The auction procedure, and the applicable exercise price, expiration, and other terms of the warrants are described in the preliminary prospectus supplement referenced below.

The warrants are being offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement that has been filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). A preliminary prospectus supplement related to the offering will be filed by the Company with the SEC and will be available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the final prospectus supplement relating to these securities may be obtained, when available, from Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Prospectus Department, Harborside Financial Center, 100 Plaza One, Jersey City, New Jersey 07311-3988, telephone: 1-800-503-4611, or by emailing prospectus.cpdg@db.com.

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