

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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## Treasury Department Announces Pricing Of Public Offering Of CommunityOne Bancorp Common Stock

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**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced today that it priced a secondary public offering of the remaining 1,085,554 shares of common stock of CommunityOne Bancorp (the Company) it holds at \$9.35 per share. The aggregate net proceeds to Treasury from the offering are expected to be \$10.1 million.

After this offering, Treasury will no longer hold any shares of the Company's common stock.

Treasury will continue to hold warrants to purchase 22,072 shares of the Company's common stock – the disposition of which will provide additional proceeds to taxpayers. Treasury's initial preferred stock investment in the Company, made as part of the Troubled Asset Relief Program's (TARP) Capital Purchase Program (CPP), was exchanged for common stock on October 21, 2011 as part of a larger recapitalization of the Company. Today's sale is part of Treasury's ongoing efforts to exit its remaining TARP investments and recover taxpayer dollars.

TARP's bank programs have already earned a significant profit for taxpayers. Including the expected proceeds from today's transaction, Treasury has recovered more than \$273 billion from TARP's bank programs through repayments, dividends, interest, and other income – compared to the \$245 billion initially invested. Approximately \$2 billion of the repayments were refinanced under the Small Business Lending Fund (SBLF). Congress created the SBLF outside of TARP and required Treasury to let CPP institutions repay TARP funds by borrowing under that program. Each additional dollar recovered from TARP's bank programs is an additional dollar of profit for taxpayers.

The closing is expected to occur on or about May 23, 2014, subject to customary closing conditions. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (KBW) and Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. served as joint bookrunning managers for the offering. In addition, KBW was the qualified independent underwriter for the offering. A registration statement relating to the shares in this offering was previously filed by the Company and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These filings are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in the registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the underwriters of the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it. Copies of the prospectus may be obtained when available from Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P., 1251 Avenue of the Americas, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10020 ((866) 805-4128), attention James Furey ([jfurey@sandleroneill.com](mailto:jfurey@sandleroneill.com)) and from Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., 787 Seventh Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10019 ((800) 966-1559), attention Equity Capital Markets.

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For more details on Treasury's lifetime cost estimates for TARP programs, please visit Treasury's Monthly 105(a) Report to Congress on TARP at this [link](#).

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