

# experience expertise

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Experience a clear point of view with a firm that works with more than 1,200 financial institutions and has professionals trained in the industry.

1200+ clients



Financial institutions must ensure accounting, tax and business decisions are in compliance while balancing the need to increase profitability with more complex and burdensome regulations. **BKD understands.** Our advisors have deep industry knowledge and resources that can help you manage change, bolster the bottom line, make wise decisions and stay compliant. Add a personal, highly interactive and attentive service style, and you'll begin to **understand what our insight and expertise can help you achieve.**

### Audit & Tax

Implementing new and changing accounting standards, staying in tune with required audit and tax compliance issues and tax planning are complicated but important functions for financial institutions. Our professionals have deep industry knowledge to help you experience peace of mind when it comes to audit and tax issues. We offer the following services:

- Assurance services, including audits, reviews and compilations
- Directors' examinations
- Board of director and audit committee education and training
- Implementation of new accounting standards
- Analysis of interim financial information related to SEC filings or other filings related to mergers and acquisitions
- Assistance with acquisitions, including those under FDIC loss share agreements
- Tax planning and transaction structuring
- Real estate cost segregation studies
- Accounting method changes

### Regulatory Compliance

Few industries face as many regulatory changes each year as the financial services industry. BKD National Financial Services Group can help provide leadership and insight about compliance issues. Our experts can help in the following areas:

- Compliance audits, outsourcing, mentoring and training
- Compliance webinar training sessions
- Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and anti-money laundering reviews

- Fair lending assessments
- Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance assessments

### Loan Review

Lending is a vital function for any financial institution. Because loans represent the lion's share of assets for many financial institutions, their inherent risks make a solid loan review program essential. With BKD National Financial Services Group, you'll experience practical direction with the following services:

- Loan review outsourcing or co-sourcing
- Due diligence and other procedures to assist with loss share agreements
- Due diligence work on acquisitions
- Special portfolio projects
- Training of loan review personnel
- Assistance with implementation of or changes to overall loan review processes

### Risk Management

Mitigating risk is an important consideration for your bank or financial institution. BKD National Financial Services Group can help you manage risk with the following services:

- Internal audits
- Enterprise risk management services
- Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements No. 16 (SSAE 16)
- Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 compliance

“I’ve done business with BKD for several years. They have come up with ideas that have helped us save money and with advice that has enabled us to work smarter, not harder, and be more efficient. . . . I really believe BKD has helped us be a better bank.”

—Charlie Butler, Retired President & CEO  
*The Farmers & Merchants Bank*

- Information technology consulting
- Business valuations as well as valuations for specific accounts or transactions
- Design and implementation of internal control systems and processes
- Documentation of internal control systems
- Training of personnel related to various internal audit processes and functions

### Planning Services

Change is inevitable as banks and other institutions continue to seek expansion opportunities through mergers and acquisitions of new holding companies or start-up banks that improve customer service and profitability. BKD National Financial Services Group can help you and your customers experience a smooth transition and assist you in improving profitability by:

- Analyzing profitability to identify strategies for improving earnings
- Structuring budgets to help control costs or monitoring profit-enhancement strategies
- Conducting cash-management and float-control studies to identify opportunities for profit improvement through improved asset utilization
- Performing contract reviews
- Performing marketing studies to reveal ineffective targeting of customers or identify new products or markets
- Applying interest rate risk management and spreadsheet models that analyze interest rates and net-interest margins to help improve profit or assist management in response to interest rate changes
- Evaluating the viability of new business ventures and opportunities

### Merger & Acquisition Services

Mergers, acquisitions, new charters and branching activities require careful planning and analysis. With

our experience, knowledge and the resources of BKD Corporate Finance, LLC, we can:

- Study the effect of the proposed transaction on your operation
- Assist with due diligence
- Develop strategies, such as the use of the holding company and reverse stock splits, to facilitate the transaction or eliminate minority shareholders
- Perform a business valuation of the organization
- Help structure a tax-advantaged transaction
- Prepare applications for state and federal regulatory approval
- Represent your organization in a transaction



### IPO & Stock Conversions

The decision to go public or convert from mutual to stock ownership requires careful planning and analysis. BKD can:

- Analyze the feasibility of an initial public offering (IPO)
- Assist with strategic planning and business plan development
- Analyze the potential price-earnings multiples available from public markets
- Assist in the preparation of data for inclusion in the applications and filings

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