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## **Heartland Bank Hires Joseph P. Downs, Vice President, Commercial Real Estate**

**St. Louis, MO (July 20, 2010)** --- Heartland Bank has announced the hiring of Joseph P. Downs as Vice President, Commercial Real Estate.

Mr. Downs comes to Heartland Bank with more than 10 years of commercial real estate design and development experience. He received a BS in Civil Engineering from Marquette University and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis. He is a LEED (Leadership in Environmental Engineering and Design) Accredited Professional.

Mr. Downs resides in University City with his wife and 3-year old daughter. The family is expecting another child in September.

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