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## **Columbia Banking System Announces First Quarter 2014 Earnings Release and Conference Call Dates**

**TACOMA, Washington---** Columbia Banking System, Inc. (NASDAQ: COLB) expects to report first quarter 2014 financial results on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, just prior to the Company's Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. PDT that day. Management will discuss these results on a conference call scheduled for the following day, Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. PDT (4:00 p.m. EDT). Interested parties may listen to this discussion by calling 1-866-378-3802; Conference ID code #22707799.

A conference call replay will be available from approximately 4:00 p.m. PDT on April 24, 2014 through midnight PDT on May 1, 2014. The conference call replay can be accessed by dialing 1-855-859-2056 and entering Conference ID code #22707799.

### **About Columbia Bank**

Headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, Columbia Banking System, Inc. is the holding company of Columbia Bank, a Washington state-chartered full-service commercial bank. For the seventh consecutive year, the bank was named in 2013 as one of *Puget Sound Business Journal's* "Washington's Best Workplaces."

Columbia Bank now operates 140 banking offices, including 80 branches in Washington State and 60 branches in Oregon. More information about Columbia can be found on its website at [www.columbiabank.com](http://www.columbiabank.com).

### Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This news release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which can be identified by words such as “may,” “expected,” “anticipate,” “continue,” or other comparable words. In addition, all statements other than statements of historical facts that address activities that Columbia expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Readers are encouraged to read the SEC reports of Columbia, particularly its form 10-K for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2012, for meaningful cautionary language discussing why actual results may vary materially from those anticipated by management.

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