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## Bank of Upson Completes its Makeover

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THOMASTON, Georgia, May 14, 2007 – Bank of Upson is excited to announce to the community that the major renovation and addition to its headquarters office is now complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony and reception will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m. at 108 South Church Street in Thomaston. With over \$258 million in assets, the bank has achieved significant growth since its inception in 1951, and today hosts six freestanding locations and an extensive ATM network.

Because of its long-standing history and commitment to the Thomaston community, Bank of Upson took significant care to ensure that its headquarters facility remained on the square in downtown Thomaston and was remodeled to complement the city's historic roots and architectural style. "We're excited that we have updated our look while continuing to provide our personal, one-on-one customer service," said Danny Brinks, President, Bank of Upson. "We're pleased that we were able to contribute to the revitalization of downtown Thomaston because we feel it is so important to our community's economic future. After all, we've been in this location since 1961 – it's about time we had a facelift."

During the extensive remodeling and addition, the bank remained open to customers with normal operations. The new retail facility spans a total of 25,000 square feet and incorporates new features for customers to enjoy including plasma screens that promote the bank's products and services, a gallery displaying local artwork, a children's play area to assist busy parents and grandparents while they handle financial transactions and an outdoor roof patio for hosting employee and community functions. The building's new façade is designed to reflect and complement the historical features and characteristics of the downtown area and a black & white photo mural depicting the city's roots and history is displayed behind the teller line.

Consultants & Builders, Inc., a design-build firm focusing exclusively on the development of financial institutions, designed and remodeled the facility. “We developed a unique plan to remodel a complex project while maintaining smooth, daily operations for customers,” said Tyler Williams, Executive Vice President, Consultants & Builders, Inc. (CBI). “This new facility meets two of the Bank’s strategic goals: it has been updated for customer convenience and ease of transactions; and was remodeled to be a beautiful jewel in the downtown Thomaston panorama.”

#### About Bank of Upson

Bank of Upson was established in 1951 to serve the financial needs of the people of Upson County, Georgia – just 70 miles southeast of Atlanta. In 1998, Bank of Upson was named the “Community Bank of the Year” by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia. Since then, the bank has enlarged its footprint, adding 3 Meriwether Bank & Trust locations in Manchester, Luthersville, and Warm Springs, and then launching SouthCrest Bank in Fayetteville. Bank of Upson has grown to retain over \$258 million in assets. For more information and branch locations, visit

[www.bankofupson.com](http://www.bankofupson.com)

#### About CBI

Consultants and Builders, Inc. (CBI) is a design-build firm focusing exclusively on the development of financial institutions within the Southeastern United States. Established in 1986, the company is headquartered in Duluth, Georgia, an Atlanta suburb, and offers a wide range of services including facility design, interior design, and construction as well as branding and retail delivery services. For more information, visit [www.consultantsandbuilders.com](http://www.consultantsandbuilders.com)

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