

First Business Financial not to participate in US Treasury's CPP

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First Business Financial Services has elected not to participate in the US Treasury troubled asset relief program capital purchase program after evaluating the related costs and benefits, as well as the potential impact on the long-term value of its shares.

The company received preliminary approval from the US Treasury earlier in March 2009 to issue up to \$27m of preferred stock under the capital purchase program (CPP).

Corey Chambas, CEO of First Business Financial Services, said: "We are very pleased to have been approved for participation in the Treasury's CPP but even more pleased that we are able to decline participation due to the strength of our company."

The capital purchase program (CPP) is a voluntary program designed to assist financial institutions in increasing the flow of financing to US businesses and consumers as a way of stimulating the US economy. The CPP is available to bank holding companies, financial holding companies, insured depository institutions and savings and loan holding companies that engage solely or predominately in activities that are permissible for financial holding companies under relevant law.

First Business Financial Services specializes in commercial banking, asset-based lending, equipment financing, leasing, retirement plans, investment management, and trustee services.