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PRESS RELEASE

**Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford's I-Cash Program to Visit
14 Sites in Southern Illinois in February and March**

Does the state have your money?

SPRINGFIELD – Jan. 28, 2014– Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is encouraging Southern Illinois residents to stop by his **I-Cash** table at any of the 14 Banterra Bank sites throughout the region, between Feb. 13 and March 14. These events are all being held in conjunction with Banterra Bank and will be held at the following locations:

Feb. 13	Harrisburg – 520 E. Poplar St.
Feb. 14	Vienna – 529 E. Vine St.
Feb. 19	Marion – 3201 Banterra Dr.
Feb. 20	Metropolis – 101 W. Eighth St.
Feb. 21	McLeansboro – 200 Market St.
Feb. 25	Mt. Vernon – 3520 Broadway St.
Feb. 26	Ridgway – 123 S. Murphy St.
Feb. 27	DuQuoin – 124 W. Main St.
March 4	Carmi – 1310 W. Main St.
March 5	Christopher – 506 N. Victor St.
March 6	Norris City – 208 E. Main St.
March 12	Carbondale – 1917 W. Main
March 13	Herrin – 318 S. Park Ave.
March 14	West Frankfort – 110 E. Oak St.

Treasurer Rutherford will not be in attendance, but staff will be available from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. to help anyone wishing to find out if the state is holding any of their money or unclaimed property. In fact, 121,141 owners in the 11 counties where the I-Cash events will be held have \$20,337,980 in unclaimed property (Saline, Johnson, Williamson, Massac, Hamilton, Jefferson, Gallatin, Perry, White, Franklin and Jackson counties). This is according to the January list of unclaimed property holders.

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“People are thrilled to find out they have money just waiting for them through **I-Cash**,” says Treasurer Rutherford. “I encourage you to come visit me at local **I-Cash** events for assistance in locating unclaimed money or property – plus everyone should make an attempt to review our online database annually so they don’t miss out on money or valuable assets the state is holding for them.”

The rebranding of the I-Cash program has dramatically increased the number of searches and claims filed. In the first month after the launch of I-Cash, the number of web visits increased by 140 percent, and the number of claims increased by 322 percent as compared to the month prior.

The treasurer’s Unclaimed Property Division’s costs, including staff, computers and travel, are paid for through the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund, and not by tax dollars.

The Unclaimed Property Division has more than \$1.8 billion in cash, plus contents from Illinois safe deposit boxes that have been inactive for at least five years. During 2013, the program returned more than \$139 million in cash and other assets to their rightful owners, representing a 69 percent increase over 2010. Treasurer Rutherford took office in January 2011.

To find out if you have unclaimed property through **I-Cash**, you can visit the treasurer’s website at www.treasurer.il.gov and follow the **I-Cash** link. You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division by calling 217-785-6998 or emailing info@Icash.Illinois.gov, although searches cannot be completed by telephone.

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