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Extraco Helps Protect Consumer Identity with Free Document Shredding Event

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WACO, TX — Extraco Banks will host a free “Secure Your ID Day” on-site document shredding event on Saturday, April 18th at five of their central Texas locations. This hands-on effort will help area consumers and business owners protect themselves from identity theft by offering safe destruction of sensitive documents plus tips and resources for storage and retention.

Consumers may bring up to three (3) large boxes or heavy duty trash bags of sensitive papers to one of Extraco’s five participating locations on April 18th, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

- GATESVILLE – 800 Main Street
- GEORGETOWN – 1504 Williams Drive
- HARKER HEIGHTS – 100 West Central Texas Expressway
- TEMPLE – 3615 South 31st Street
- WACO – 1700 North Valley Mills Drive

“Every single day we help customers with ID theft issues...identity theft has become a regular ‘business’ in the criminal world” says Mike Thompson, President and CEO of Extraco Banks. “Restoring one’s identity is a painful process, if we can help prevent even one instance of vulnerability or loss, we’re committed to doing so.”

“Last year, almost 30 tons of sensitive documents were shredded at a *single site* during this event,” notes Richard Kitterman, Executive Director for the Central Texas office of the BBB. “For Extraco to offer this service at *five* of their locations is an over-the-top response...makes participation convenient for anyone in Bell, Coryell, McLennan, or Williamson County.”

Adds Thompson, “We’re planning to reach over 1,500 households through this event...that’s more than a car a minute, but we’ll have multiple receiving lanes as needed. Offering this on-site shredding, especially right after tax season, should be of real value to our community.”

Secure Your ID Day is a simultaneous coast-to-coast event sponsored by the national Better Business Bureau in partnership with the National Association Information Destruction (NAID). Secure Your ID day is brought to you locally by the Better Business Bureau, Extraco Banks, CINTAS Document Management, and KCEN-TV9. For more information on the event, visit <http://centraltx.bbb.org/secureid>.

Extraco Corporation celebrated 100 years and three generations of family management on July 12th, 2002. Founded as a cotton warehousing company, Extraco is the largest and most comprehensive independent financial institution headquartered in Central Texas with over \$1 billion in assets, over \$98 million in capital, a loan limit over \$15 million, over 135,000 customers, and 421 employees. Extraco's fifteen financial centers are located in Georgetown, Killeen, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Waco, Temple, Belton, Troy, Lorena, Gatesville, Hamilton and McGregor.