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Equity Bancshares, Inc. Files Registration Statement for Initial Public Offering

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WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 9, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Equity Bancshares, Inc. ("Equity") announced today that it has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed initial public offering of its Class A common stock.

A portion of the shares will be issued and sold by Equity and a portion will be sold by certain stockholders of Equity. The number of shares to be offered and the price range for the offering have not yet been determined. Equity intends to apply to list its common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol "EQBK."

Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc. and Stephens Inc. are acting as joint book-running managers for the proposed offering.

The offering will be made only by means of a prospectus. A copy of the prospectus relating to this offering, when available, may be obtained from Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., a Stifel Company, 787 Seventh Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Equity Capital Markets, or by calling 1-800-966-1559, or Stephens Inc., 111 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, Attention: Syndicate, or by calling 1-800-643-9691.

A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission but has not yet become effective. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy these securities be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

About Equity Bancshares, Inc.

Equity is the Wichita-based holding company of Equity Bank, a $1.4 billion bank, offering a full range of financial solutions, including commercial loans, consumer banking, mortgage loans, and treasury management services.

Equity Bank has offices located in Andover, Ellis, Hays, Overland Park, Topeka, and Wichita, Kansas, and Clinton, Higginsville, Kansas City, Knob Noster, Lee's Summit, Sedalia, Sweet Springs, Warrensburg, Warsaw and Windsor, Missouri. Learn more at **www.equitybank.com**.