

ZIONS BANCORPORATION /UT/  
Form FWP  
April 24, 2012  
Free Writing Prospectus

Filed Pursuant to Rule 433

(To the prospectus dated April 4, 2011, as supplemented by  
the preliminary prospectus supplement dated April 24, 2012)

Registration Statement No. 333-173299

April 24, 2012

### Instructions for Login and Use of Zions Direct Auction Platform

#### Step by Step Instruction for Senior Notes Auction

- Step 1** Enter [auctions.zionsdirect.com](http://auctions.zionsdirect.com) in your internet browser and click on the **Login** button on the top right of the page.
- Step 2** Enter Login and Password provided by Sales, then change the password as prompted.
- Step 3** Enter 3 security questions (these are for easy password retrieval in the event that it is misplaced / forgotten).
- Step 4** You will be returned to the Calendar page where you will see the auction for the Zions 5yr Senior Notes. Once there, click on the blue **Enter Bids** button to be directed to the Qualifications page.
- Step 5** Each box on the Qualifications page must be checked before the **I Agree** button turns green and is clickable.
- Step 6** You may now monitor the auction in real time by clicking on the Auction Details dropdown in the middle of the page.
- Step 7** By selecting the Zions 5yr Senior Notes auction, you are able to view the Bid Page. You can input a bid on each of the 5 bid lines with varying number of units (each bond is 1 unit with \$1,000 denomination) and price or yield. Once you are satisfied that your bids are entered correctly, click **Submit** .
- Step 8** After landing on the Bid Confirmation page, check to see if the bids are entered correctly by checking the **I confirm the bid shown in the table above** box, then click **Submit** to officially submit your bids. If you are outbid at any point, a warning will appear to the right of your bids.
- Step 9** After you have submitted successful bids, you may return to the Bid Page to edit these bids as the auction progresses, but only if the edits are to improve a bid (i.e., once a bid is submitted you cannot reduce price/size, only increase).  
*For technical questions, please call: 1-800-524-8875*

Zions Bancorporation has filed a registration statement (Registration Statement No. 333-173299, including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus dated April 4, 2011 contained in that registration statement, the preliminary prospectus supplement dated April 24, 2012 and other documents Zions Bancorporation has filed with the SEC for more complete information about Zions Bancorporation and this offering. You may get these documents and other documents Zions Bancorporation has filed for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, you may request these documents by calling Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. toll-free at 1-800-503-4611.

**Zions Bancorporation (Ticker: ZION) Dutch Auction**

**\$100,000,000 Reopening of 4.50% Senior Notes due 2017**

**To be Conducted via Zions Direct Auction Platform**

**Pricing / Indicative Yield Calculations**

Coupon	Price	Indicative Yield*
4.50%	\$ 98.750000	4.788%
4.50	99.000000	4.730
4.50	99.250000	4.672
4.50	99.500000	4.614
4.50	99.750000	4.557
4.50	100.000000	4.499
4.50	100.250000	4.442
4.50	100.500000	4.385
4.50	100.750000	4.328
4.50	101.000000	4.271
4.50	101.250000	4.214
4.50	101.500000	4.158

\* (i) Assumes a settlement date for the notes of May 1, 2012 and (ii) does not take into account the payment for interest that has accrued on the notes from and including March 27, 2012 up to, but not including, the settlement date of these notes that purchasers will be required to pay on the settlement date.

Zions Bancorporation has filed a registration statement (Registration Statement No. 333-173299, including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus dated April 4, 2011 contained in that registration statement, the preliminary prospectus supplement dated April 24, 2012 and other documents Zions Bancorporation has filed with the SEC for more complete information about Zions Bancorporation and this offering. You may get these documents and other documents Zions Bancorporation has filed for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, you may request these documents by calling Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. toll-free at 1-800-503-4611.