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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**S&T BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

**6822**  
(Primary Standard Industrial

**25-1434426**  
(I.R.S. Employer

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incorporation or organization)

Classification Code Number)  
800 PHILADELPHIA STREET

Identification No.)

INDIANA, PENNSYLVANIA 15701

(800) 325-2265

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective, subject to market conditions and other factors.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering:

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Title Of Each Class Of Securities To Be Registered</b>	<b>Amount To Be Registered<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Amount Of Registration Fee<sup>(3)</sup></b>
Common Stock, par value \$2.50 per share				
Preferred Stock, no par value per share				
Depository Shares				
Debt Securities				
Warrants				
Units <sup>(4)</sup>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$300,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$300,000,000</b>	<b>\$34,380</b>

(1) An unspecified aggregate initial offering price and number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at unspecified prices. Also includes an indeterminate number of shares of common stock or preferred stock as may be issued by the registrant upon exercise, conversion or exchange of any securities that provide for such issuance, or that may from time to time become issuable by reason of any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction, for which no separate consideration will be received by registrant. In no event will the aggregate offering price of all types of securities issued by the registrant pursuant to this registration statement exceed \$300,000,000 million. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or together with other securities registered hereunder.

(2) Pursuant to General Instruction II.D of Form S-3, information as to each class of securities to be registered is not specified.

(3) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price has been estimated solely to calculate the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.

(4) Each unit will be issued under a unit agreement and will represent an interest in two or more other securities, which may or may not be separable from one another.

**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state or jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to Completion**

**Preliminary Prospectus dated September 19, 2012**

**PROSPECTUS**

**S&T BANCORP, INC.**

**\$300,000,000**

**Common Stock**

**Preferred Stock**

**Depository Shares**

**Debt Securities**

**Warrants**

**Units**

We may offer and sell from time to time in one or more offerings, common stock, preferred stock, depository shares, debt securities, warrants and units (collectively, the securities) of S&T Bancorp, Inc. (S&T).

Our common stock is quoted on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol STBA. The closing sales price of our common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on September 19, 2012 was \$ 1.00 per share. You are urged to obtain current market quotations for our common stock.

Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading Information Incorporated by Reference before you make your investment decision.

We may sell the securities to underwriters or dealers, through agents, or directly to investors, or a combination of these methods. We will set forth the names of any underwriters or agents in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See the section Risk Factors on page 2 of this prospectus, as well as in any supplements to this prospectus.**

**The S&T securities offered in this prospectus are not savings or deposit accounts or other obligations of any of our bank or non-bank subsidiaries, and they are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Bank Insurance Fund or any other governmental agency.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this prospectus is September , 2012**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC. Under this shelf registration statement, we may issue and sell to the public, either separately or together, any part or all of the securities described in the registration statement, at any time and from time to time, in one or more public offerings, up to an aggregate amount of \$300,000,000 of our common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, or units consisting of two or more securities. We may also issue common stock upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any of the securities mentioned above.

This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement (and, if applicable, a pricing supplement) that contains specific information about the terms of those securities. A prospectus supplement (and any pricing supplement) may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement) together with the additional information described below under the heading Where You Can Find More Information, and Information Incorporated by Reference. If the information in this prospectus is inconsistent with a prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement), you should rely on the information in that prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement). We may also prepare free writing prospectuses that describe particular securities. Any free writing prospectus should also be read in connection with this prospectus and with any prospectus supplement referred to therein. For purposes of this prospectus, any reference to an applicable prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement) may also refer to a free writing prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires.

We may sell the securities (a) through agents; (b) through underwriters or dealers; (c) directly to one or more purchasers; or (d) through a combination of any of these methods of sale. We and our agents reserve the sole right to accept and to reject in whole or in part any proposed purchase of securities. See Plan of Distribution below. A prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement), which we will provide to you each time we offer securities, will provide the names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents involved in the sale of the securities, and any applicable fee, commission, or discount arrangements with them.

**You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement) and the documents we have incorporated by reference. We will disclose any material changes in our affairs in an amendment to this prospectus, a prospectus supplement (or pricing supplement) or a future filing with the SEC incorporated by reference in this prospectus. No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated in this prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to sell or to buy any securities other than those to which it relates, or an offer or solicitation with respect to those securities to which it relates to any persons in any jurisdiction where such offer or solicitation would be unlawful. The delivery of this prospectus at any time does not imply that the information contained or incorporated herein at its date is correct as of any time subsequent to its date.**

Unless specifically noted otherwise in this prospectus, references to S&T, we, us, and our are to S&T Bancorp, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation, and its subsidiaries.



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**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

We make statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference, and we may from time to time make other statements, regarding our outlook or expectations for earnings, revenues, expenses and/or other financial, business or strategic matters regarding or affecting S&T that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as believe, expect, anticipate, intend, outlook, estimate, forecast, project and other words and expressions or future or conditional verbs such as will, should, would and could. These statements are not historical facts, but instead represent our current expectations, plans or forecasts and are based on the beliefs and assumptions of the management and the information available to management at the time that these disclosures were prepared.

Forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We do not assume any duty and do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements. Because forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions and uncertainties, actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those that we anticipated in our forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from our historical performance.

These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our business, management's beliefs and assumptions made by management (collectively, Future Factors). These Future Factors, are not guarantees of our future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions, which are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in these forward-looking statements.

Future Factors include:

changes in interest rates, spreads on interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, the shape of the yield curve and interest rate sensitivity;

a prolonged period of low interest rates;

credit losses;

access to capital in the amounts, at the times and on the terms required to support our future businesses and potential regulatory requirements to increase capital;

legislation affecting the financial services industry as a whole, and/or S&T Bancorp, Inc., or S&T, in particular, including the effects of the Dodd-Frank Act;

regulatory supervision and oversight, including required capital levels, and public policy changes, including environmental regulations;

increasing price and product/service competition, including new entrants;

rapid technological developments and changes;

the ability to continue to introduce competitive new products and services on a timely, cost-effective basis;

continued deterioration of the housing market and reduced demand for mortgages;

containing costs and expenses;

reliance on large customers;

the outcome of pending and future litigation and governmental proceedings;

managing our internal growth and acquisitions;

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the possibility that the anticipated benefits from our acquisitions of Mainline Bancorp, Inc. and Gateway Bank of Pennsylvania cannot be fully realized in a timely manner or at all, or that integrating the acquired operations will be more difficult, disruptive or costly than anticipated;

general economic or business conditions, either nationally or regionally in western Pennsylvania, may be less favorable than expected, resulting in among other things, a reduced demand for credit and other services;

a decline in market capitalization to common book value, which could warrant further analysis of the carrying value of goodwill and could result in an adjustment to its carrying value resulting in a non-cash charge to net income; and

a continuation of recent turbulence in significant portions of the global financial and real estate markets could impact our performance, both directly, by affecting our revenues and the value of our assets and liabilities and indirectly, by affecting the economy generally.

These are representative of the Future Factors that could affect the outcome of the forward-looking statements. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, general economic conditions, including interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations and other Future Factors.

Additional factors that may affect our results are discussed in our annual report on Form 10-K under Item 1A, Risk Factors or may be contained in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q under headings such as Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations and Business, or in our Current Reports on Form 8-K, among other places. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

This summary provides a brief overview of the key aspects of S&T and the material terms of the offered securities that are known as of the date of this prospectus. For a more complete understanding of the terms of the offered securities, prior to making an investment decision, you should carefully read:

This prospectus, which explains the general terms of the securities we may offer;

The applicable prospectus supplement, which explains specific terms of the securities being offered and updates and changes information in this prospectus; and

The documents referred to in *Where You Can Find More Information* for information about S&T, including our financial statements. *S&T Bancorp, Inc.*

S&T is a Pennsylvania corporation and a financial holding company with its headquarters located in Indiana, Pennsylvania. At June 30, 2012, S&T had assets of approximately \$4.3 billion, deposits of \$3.5 billion and shareholders' equity of \$510.6 million.

S&T provides a full range of financial services through offices located within Allegheny, Armstrong, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson, Washington and Westmoreland counties of Pennsylvania. S&T provides full service retail and commercial banking products as well as cash management services, insurance, estate planning and administration, employee benefit, investment management and administration, corporate services and other fiduciary services. S&T's common stock trades on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol *STBA*. S&T's website is <http://www.stbancorp.com>.

The principal executive offices of S&T are located at S&T Bancorp, Inc., 800 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, PA, 15701, and its telephone number is (800) 325-2265.

**The Securities We May Offer**

We may use this prospectus to offer:

Common stock,

Preferred stock,

Depositary shares,

Debt securities,

Warrants, and

Units consisting of two or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. A prospectus supplement will describe the specific types, amounts, prices and detailed terms of any of these offered securities.

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**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS**

If we offer debt securities and/or preference equity securities under this prospectus, then we will, if required at that time, provide a ratio of earnings to fixed charges and/or a ratio of combined fixed charges and preference dividends to earnings, respectively, in the applicable prospectus supplement for such offering.

**RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in any prospectus supplement as well as in the section entitled "Item 1.A Risk Factors" contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and in our updates to those "Risk Factors" contained in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as well as other information in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement, and any other documents or reports incorporated by reference herein, before purchasing any of our securities. Each of the risks described in these sections and documents could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, and could result in a loss of your investment.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered under this prospectus for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include repayment of debt or the interest payment thereon, capital expenditures, possible acquisitions, investments, and any other purposes that we may specify in any prospectus supplement. We may invest the net proceeds temporarily until we use them for their stated purpose. We cannot predict whether the proceeds invested will yield a favorable return.

**DILUTION**

We will set forth in a prospectus supplement the following information regarding any material dilution of the equity interests of investors purchasing securities in an offering under this prospectus:

the net tangible book value per share of our equity securities before and after the offering;

the amount of the increase in such net tangible book value per share attributable to the cash payments made by purchasers in the offering; and

the amount of the immediate dilution from the public offering price which will be absorbed by such purchases.

**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the securities being offered by this prospectus separately or together through any of the following methods:

directly to investors or purchasers;

to investors through agents;

directly to agents;

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to or through brokers or dealers;

to the public through underwriting syndicates led by one or more managing underwriters;

to one or more underwriters acting alone for resale to investors or to the public;

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through a block trade in which the broker or dealer engaged to handle the block trade will attempt to sell the securities as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction; or

through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

Securities may also be issued upon exercise of warrants or as a dividend or distribution. We reserve the right to sell securities directly to investors on our own behalf in those jurisdictions where we are authorized to do so.

We may distribute the securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the times of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

We will describe the method of distribution of the securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## **Direct Sales and Sales through Agents**

We may directly solicit offers to purchase the securities offered by this prospectus. Agents designated by us from time to time may solicit offers to purchase the securities. We will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and set forth any commissions payable by us to an agent in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of his or her appointment. Any agent may be deemed to be an underwriter of the securities as that term is defined in the Securities Act of 1933.

## **Sales Through Underwriters or Dealers**

If we use an underwriter or underwriters in the sale of securities, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter or underwriters at the time we reach an agreement for sale. We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriters, and the terms of the transactions, including compensation of the underwriters and dealers. This compensation may be in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. The maximum underwriting compensation for any offering under the registration statement to which this prospectus relates may not exceed 8% of the offering proceeds. Underwriters and others participating in any offering of the securities may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. We will describe any of these activities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If a dealer is used in the sale of the securities, we or an underwriter will sell securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the name of the dealer and the terms of the transactions.

We may directly solicit offers to purchase the securities, and we may sell directly to institutional investors or others. These persons may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to any resale of the securities. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any direct sales, including the terms of any bidding or auction process.

Agreements we enter into with agents, underwriters and dealers may entitle them to indemnification by us against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribution by us to payments they may be required to make in respect of these liabilities. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms and conditions of indemnification or contribution.





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### **Delayed Delivery Contracts**

We may authorize underwriters, dealers and agents to solicit offers by certain institutional investors to purchase offered securities under contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will also describe the public offering price for the securities and the commission payable for solicitation of these delayed delivery contracts. Delayed delivery contracts will contain definite fixed price and quantity terms. The obligations of a purchaser under these delayed delivery contracts will be subject to only two conditions:

that the institution's purchase of the securities at the time of delivery of the securities is not prohibited under the law of any jurisdiction to which the institution is subject; and

that we shall have sold to the underwriters the total principal amount of the offered securities, less the principal amount covered by the delayed delivery contracts.

### **At the Market Offerings**

We may from time to time engage a firm to act as our agent for one or more offerings of our securities. We sometimes refer to this agent as our offering agent. If we reach agreement with an offering agent with respect to a specific offering, including the number of securities and any minimum price below which sales may not be made, then the offering agent will try to sell such securities on the agreed terms. The offering agent could make sales in privately negotiated transactions or using any other method permitted by law, including sales deemed to be an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange, or sales made to or through a market maker other than on an exchange. The offering agent will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to any sales effected through an at the market offering.

### **Market Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions**

To the extent permitted by and in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in connection with an offering an underwriter may engage in over-allotments, stabilizing transactions, short covering transactions and penalty bids. Over-allotments involve sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be otherwise. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of these activities at any time.

To the extent permitted by and in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, any underwriters who are qualified market makers on the New York Stock Exchange may engage in passive market making transactions in the securities on the New York Stock Exchange during the business day prior to the pricing of an offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of the securities. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded.

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**REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

**General**

S&T, S&T Bank, and Gateway Bank are each extensively regulated under federal and state law. The following describes certain aspects of that regulation and does not purport to be a complete description of all regulations that affect S&T, S&T Bank, and Gateway Bank or all aspects of those regulations.

To the extent statutory or regulatory provisions are described, the description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the particular statutory or regulatory provisions. Proposals to change the laws and regulations governing the banking industry are frequently raised in Congress, in state legislatures and before the various bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood and timing of any changes and the impact such changes might have on S&T, S&T Bank, or Gateway Bank is impossible to determine with any certainty.

Any change in applicable laws or regulations, or in the way such laws or regulations are interpreted by regulatory agencies or courts, may have a material impact on our business, operations and earnings.

**S&T**

We are a bank holding company subject to regulation under the Bank Holding Company Act, as amended (the BHCA), and the examination and reporting requirements of the Federal Reserve Board. Our subsidiary banks are S&T Bank and Gateway Bank. We acquired Gateway Bank in August 2012 and expect to merge it into S&T Bank in early 2013. Under the BHCA, a bank holding company may not directly or indirectly acquire ownership or control of more than five percent of the voting shares or substantially all of the assets of any additional bank, or merge or consolidate with another bank holding company, without the prior approval of the Federal Reserve Board. We have received approval from the Federal Reserve Board for a passive ownership position in Allegheny Valley Bancorp, Inc. (14.4 percent).

As a bank holding company, we are expected under statutory and regulatory provisions to serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to our subsidiary banks. A bank holding company is also expected to commit resources, including capital and other funds, to support its subsidiary banks.

We elected to become a financial holding company under the BHCA in 2001 and thereby engage in a broader range of financial and other activities than are permissible for traditional bank holding companies. In order to qualify and maintain our status as a financial holding company, the depository institutions controlled by us must remain well-capitalized, well-managed (as defined in federal law) and have at least a satisfactory Community Reinvestment Act, or CRA rating. No prior regulatory approval is required for a financial holding company to acquire a company, other than a bank or savings association, engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature, as determined by the Federal Reserve Board. The BHCA identifies several activities as financial in nature including, among others, securities underwriting, dealing and market making; sponsoring mutual funds and investment companies; insurance underwriting and sales agency; investment advisory activities; merchant banking activities; and activities that the Federal Reserve Board has determined to be closely related to banking or a proper incident thereto. Banks may also engage, subject to limitations on investment, in activities that are financial in nature, other than insurance underwriting, insurance company portfolio investment, real estate development and real estate investment, through a financial subsidiary of the bank, if the bank is well-capitalized, well-managed and has at least a satisfactory CRA rating. On July 21, 2010, the President signed the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act into law, which required that we also remain well-capitalized and well-managed in order to maintain our status as a financial holding company as of July 21, 2011. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act requires a financial holding company to obtain prior regulatory approval to acquire any company with consolidated assets that exceed \$10.0 billion.

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If S&T, S&T Bank, or Gateway Bank ceases to be well-capitalized or well-managed, we will not be in compliance with the requirements of the BHCA regarding financial holding companies. If a financial holding company is notified by the Federal Reserve Board of such a change in the ratings of any of its subsidiary banks, it must take certain corrective actions within specified time frames. Furthermore, if S&T Bank or Gateway Bank were to receive a CRA rating of less than satisfactory, then we would be prohibited from engaging in new activities or acquiring companies until the rating is raised to satisfactory or better.

We are presently engaged in nonbanking activities through the following six entities:

9th Street Holdings, Inc. was formed in June 1988 to hold and manage a group of investments previously owned by S&T Bank and to give us additional latitude to purchase other investments.

S&T Bancholdings, Inc. was formed in August 2002 to hold and manage a group of investments previously owned by S&T Bank and to give us additional latitude to purchase other investments.

CTCLIC is a joint venture with another financial institution, acting as a reinsurer of credit life, accident and health insurance policies sold by S&T Bank and the other institution.

S&T Insurance Group, LLC distributes life insurance and long-term disability income insurance products. During 2001, S&T Insurance Group, LLC and Attorneys Abstract Company, Inc. entered into an agreement to form S&T Settlement Services, LLC or STSS, with respective ownership interests of 55 percent and 45 percent. STSS is a title insurance agency servicing commercial customers. During 2002, S&T Insurance Group, LLC expanded into the property and casualty insurance business with the acquisition of S&T-Evergreen Insurance LLC.

S&T Professional Resources Group LLC markets software developed by S&T Bank.

Stewart Capital Advisors, LLC was formed in August 2005 and is a registered investment advisor that manages private investment accounts for individuals and institutions and advises the Stewart Capital Mid Cap Fund.

**S&T Bank and Gateway Bank**

As state-chartered, commercial banks, the deposits of which are insured by the FDIC, S&T Bank and Gateway Bank are each subject to the supervision and regulation of the Pennsylvania Department of Banking, or PADB, and the FDIC. We are also subject to various requirements and restrictions under federal and state law, including requirements to maintain reserves against deposits, restrictions on the types, amount and terms and conditions of loans that may be granted and limits on the type of other activities in which S&T Bank or Gateway Bank may engage and the investments it may make.

In addition, S&T Bank and Gateway Bank are each subject to affiliate transaction rules in Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act that limit the amount of transactions between each bank and S&T or S&T's nonbank subsidiaries. Under these provisions, transactions between a bank and its parent company or any single nonbank affiliate generally are limited to 10 percent of the bank subsidiary's capital and surplus, and with respect to all transactions with affiliates, are limited to 20 percent of the bank subsidiary's capital and surplus. Further, loans and extensions of credit from a bank to an affiliate generally are required to be secured by eligible collateral in specified amounts. The Dodd-Frank Act expands the affiliate transaction rules to broaden the definition of affiliate and to apply to securities lending, repurchase agreement and derivatives activities that we may have with an affiliate, as well as to strengthen collateral requirements and limit Federal Reserve exemptive authority. Also, the definition of extension of credit for transactions with executive officers, directors and principal shareholders is being expanded to include credit exposure arising from a derivative transaction, a repurchase or reverse repurchase agreement and a securities lending or borrowing transaction. These expansions became effective on July 21, 2012. At this time, we do not anticipate that these provisions will have a material effect on S&T, S&T Bank or Gateway Bank.



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### **Insurance of Accounts; Depositor Preference**

The deposits of S&T Bank and Gateway Bank are insured up to applicable limits per insured depositor by the FDIC. The Dodd-Frank Act codified FDIC deposit insurance coverage per separately insured depositor for all account types at \$250,000. The Dodd-Frank Act also maintains federal deposit insurance coverage for noninterest-bearing transaction accounts at an unlimited amount from December 31, 2010 until December 31, 2012. Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts will be considered noninterest-bearing transaction accounts for purposes of temporary unlimited deposit insurance coverage.

As FDIC-insured banks, S&T Bank and Gateway Bank are each subject to FDIC insurance assessments, which are imposed based upon the risk each institution poses to the Deposit Insurance Fund, or DIF. Under this assessment system, risk is defined and measured using an institution's supervisory ratings with other risk measures, including financial ratios. The current total base assessment rates on an annualized basis range from 2.5 basis points for certain well-capitalized, well-managed banks, with the highest ratings, to 45 basis points for institutions posing the most risk to the DIF. The FDIC may raise or lower these assessment rates on a quarterly basis based on various factors to achieve a reserve ratio, which the Dodd-Frank Act has mandated to be no less than 1.35 percent of insured deposits.

Due to recent bank failures and contingent loss reserves established by the FDIC against potential future bank failures, the reserve ratio is currently significantly below its target balance. Thus, on November 12, 2009, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a final rule that required insured depository institutions to prepay, on December 30, 2009, their estimated quarterly risk-based assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009 and for all of 2010, 2011 and 2012, along with their quarterly risk-based assessment for the third quarter of 2009. In the event of a further decline in the DIF balance, the FDIC may impose additional special emergency assessments in the future, which could have an impact on the earnings and capital levels of S&T Bank or Gateway Bank.

In February 2011, the FDIC Board of Directors adopted a final rule, Deposit Insurance Assessment Base, Assessment Rate Adjustments, Dividends, Assessment Rates and Large Bank Pricing Methodology, to redefine the deposit insurance assessment base as required by the Dodd-Frank Act, alter assessment rates, implement the Dodd-Frank Act's DIF dividend provisions and revise the risk-based assessment system for all large insured depository institutions (those with at least \$10.0 billion in total assets). Many of the changes were made as a result of provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act that were intended to shift more of the cost of raising the reserve ratio from institutions with less than \$10.0 billion in assets (such as S&T Bank and Gateway Bank) to the larger banks. Except for the future assessment rate schedules, all changes went into effect April 1, 2011 and did not have a material effect upon our consolidated operating results. In addition to DIF assessments, the FDIC assesses all insured deposits a special assessment to fund the repayment of debt obligations of the Financing Corporation, or FICO. FICO is a government-sponsored entity that was formed to borrow the money necessary to carry out the closing and ultimate disposition of failed thrift institutions by the Resolution Trust Corporation in the 1990s. For each quarter of 2012, the annualized rate established by the FDIC for the FICO assessment was 0.66 basis points per \$100 of insured deposits.

Under federal law, deposits and certain claims for administrative expenses and employee compensation against insured depository institutions are afforded a priority over other general unsecured claims against such an institution, including federal funds and letters of credit, in the liquidation or other resolution of such an institution by a receiver. Such priority creditors would include the FDIC.

### **Capital**

The Federal Reserve Board and FDIC have issued substantially similar risk-based and leverage capital guidelines applicable to banking organizations they supervise. Under current capital guidelines, S&T, S&T Bank, and Gateway Bank are all required to maintain certain capital standards based on ratios of capital to assets and capital to risk weighted assets. The guidelines define a bank's total qualifying capital as having two components. Tier 1 capital, which must be at least 50 percent of total qualifying capital, is mainly comprised of common equity, retained earnings and qualifying preferred stock, less certain intangibles. Tier 2 capital may include the allowance

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for loan losses, or ALL, up to a maximum of 1.25 percent of risk weighted assets, qualifying subordinated debt, qualifying preferred stock, hybrid capital instruments and up to 45 percent of net unrealized gains on available-for-sale equity securities. The guideline also defines the weights assigned to assets and off-balance sheet items to determine the risk weighted asset component of the risk-based capital ratios.

The Federal Reserve Board and FDIC have established minimum and well-capitalized standards for banks. The minimum capital standards are defined as a Tier 1 ratio of at least 4.00 percent, a Total capital ratio of at least 8.00 percent and a Leverage ratio of at least 3.00 percent. The Leverage ratio of 3.00 percent is for those banks and bank holding companies that meet certain specified criteria, including having received the highest regulatory rating and are not experiencing significant growth or expansion. All other banks and bank holding companies generally are required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 100 to 200 basis points above the stated minimum. S&T, S&T Bank, and Gateway Bank maintain capital levels to meet the well-capitalized regulatory standards, which are defined as a Tier 1 ratio of at least 6.00 percent, Total capital ratio of at least 10.00 percent and a Leverage ratio of at least 5.00 percent.

Both the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC's risk-based capital standards explicitly identify concentrations of credit risk and the risk arising from non-traditional activities, as well as an institution's ability to manage these risks, as important factors to be taken into account by the agency in assessing an institution's overall capital adequacy. The capital guidelines also provide that an institution's exposure to a decline in the economic value of its capital due to changes in interest rates be considered by the agency as a factor in evaluating a bank's capital adequacy. The Federal Reserve Board has also issued additional capital guidelines for certain bank holding companies that engage in trading activities. We do not believe that consideration of these additional factors will affect the regulators' assessment of the capital position of S&T, S&T Bank, or Gateway Bank. The Dodd-Frank Act contains a number of provisions intended to strengthen capital, including requiring minimum leverage and risk-based capital that are at least as stringent as those currently in effect. Also, the Dodd-Frank Act requires the Federal Reserve Board to implement capital regulations that are countercyclical so that the amount of capital required to be maintained by us would increase in times of economic expansion and decrease in times of economic contraction, consistent with the safety and soundness of the company. In addition to the Dodd-Frank Act, the international oversight body of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, or Basel III, reached agreements in July, 2010 to increase the minimum common equity capital requirement for banks from 2.00 percent to 4.50 percent, along with a capital conservation buffer of 2.50 percent to bring total common equity capital requirements to 7.00 percent. The Basel III requirements will be phased in beginning January 1, 2013. The federal banking agencies issued proposed rules to implement Basel III and certain other recent revisions to the Basel capital framework, as well as the minimum leverage and risk-based capital requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act in June 2012. Comments on the proposed rules are due in October 2012. Federal regulators periodically propose amendments to the risk-based capital guidelines and the related regulatory framework and consider changes to the capital standards that could significantly increase the amount of capital needed to meet applicable standards. The timing of adoption, ultimate form and effect of any such proposed amendments cannot be predicted.

### **Capital Purchase Program**

On December 7, 2011, we redeemed all of the preferred stock that we sold to the federal government as part of the CPP. As a participant in the CPP, we completed the \$108.7 million capital raise on January 16, 2009.

In connection with the issuance of the preferred stock to the U.S. Treasury in 2009, we also issued the U.S. Treasury a warrant to purchase 517,012 shares of our common stock at an initial per share exercise price of \$31.53, with an estimated fair value of \$4.0 million on the date of issuance. The warrant remains outstanding as of the date of this prospectus. The warrant provides for the adjustment of the exercise price and the number of shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise pursuant to customary anti-dilution provisions. The U.S. Treasury agreed not to exercise voting power with respect to any shares of common stock issued upon exercise of the warrant. We did not repurchase the warrant concurrently with the redemption of the preferred stock. Unless we repurchase the warrant, it will remain outstanding and will expire 10 years from the issuance date.

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### **Payment of Dividends**

S&T is a legal entity separate and distinct from its banking and other subsidiaries. A substantial portion of our revenues consist of dividend payments we receive from S&T Bank. S&T Bank, in turn, is subject to state laws and regulations that limit the amount of dividends it can pay to S&T. In addition, both S&T and S&T Bank are subject to various general regulatory policies relating to the payment of dividends, including requirements to maintain capital above regulatory minimums. The Federal Reserve Board has indicated that banking organizations should generally pay dividends only if (i) the organization's net income available to common shareholders over the past year has been sufficient to fully fund the dividends and (ii) the prospective rate of earnings retention appears consistent with the organization's capital needs, asset quality and overall financial condition. Thus, under certain circumstances based upon our financial condition, our ability to declare and pay quarterly dividends may require consultation with the Federal Reserve Board and may be prohibited by applicable Federal Reserve Board regulations. If we were to pay a dividend in contravention of Federal Reserve regulations, the Federal Reserve could raise supervisory concerns.

### **Other Safety and Soundness Regulations**

There are a number of obligations and restrictions imposed on bank holding companies such as us and our depository institution subsidiaries by federal law and regulatory policy. These obligations and restrictions are designed to reduce potential loss exposure to the depositors of such depository institutions and to the FDIC insurance fund in the event the depository institutions become in danger of default or are in default. Under current federal law, for example, the federal banking agencies possess broad powers to take prompt corrective action to resolve problems of insured depository institutions. The extent of these powers depends upon whether the institution in question is well-capitalized, adequately capitalized, undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized or critically undercapitalized, as defined by the law. Under regulations established by the federal banking agencies, a well-capitalized institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 6.00 percent, a Total capital ratio of at least 10.00 percent and a leverage ratio of at least 5.00 percent and must not be subject to a capital directive or order. An adequately capitalized institution must have a Tier 1 capital ratio of at least 4.00 percent, a Total capital ratio of at least 8.00 percent and a leverage ratio of at least 4.00 percent. The most highly-rated financial institutions minimum requirement for the leverage ratio is 3.00 percent. In the proposed rules to implement Basel III and the minimum leverage and risk-based capital requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act, the federal banking agencies have also proposed to change the definitions of these capital categories, including the introduction of a common equity tier 1 capital ratio in the definitions. As of June 30, 2012, S&T, S&T Bank and Gateway Bank were classified as well-capitalized. The classification of depository institutions is primarily for the purpose of applying the federal banking agencies' prompt corrective action provisions and is not intended to be and should not be interpreted as a representation of overall financial condition or pr