

Sander Mark G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sander Mark G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC
 [FMBI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Executive VP & COO

ITASCA, IL 60143
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2011 | | A | 526 ⁽¹⁾ | A <u>(2)</u> 46,264 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2011 | | A | 523 ⁽³⁾ | A <u>(2)</u> 46,787 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sander Mark G ONE PIERCE PLACE SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143 | | | Senior Executive VP & COO | |

Signatures

Andrea L. Stangl, Attorney-in-fact for Mark G. Sander
 12/20/2011
 __Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - (1) Represents a portion of base salary paid to the Reporting Person in bi-weekly installments of fully vested shares. The Reporting Person may not transfer the shares during the period the Company has any obligations outstanding under the U.S. Treasury's Troubled Asset Relief Program except in the case of the Reporting Person's death or disability.
 - (2) The number of shares represented by this award was determined by dividing the dollar value of the award granted to the Reporting Person by \$9.37 (the average high and low sale price of one share of the company's common stock as quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market on December 15, 2011).
 - (3) Represents payment under a salary stock agreement with the Reporting Person consisting of payment of bi-weekly installments of fully vested shares until December 2013.

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