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Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. Officially Opens Regional Office In Palo Alto's Central Business District

Kenneth D. Brenner, Colleen Carlsted Managing Banking Team at the New Branch

Santa Clara, CA – January 28, 2002 – Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A. (OTCBB: **BBSV**) today announced that it has opened its new downtown Palo Alto regional branch office. The office is located on the ground floor of 525 University Avenue, one of the city's best-known corporate addresses.

The expansion is the first for fast-growing Bridge Bank, Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank. The branch occupies 3,000 square feet on the ground floor of the landmark high-rise structure.

Bridge Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Daniel P. Myers said the branch offers a full range of business banking services, with a focus on corporate banking, as well as commercial, technology, construction, and real estate lending.

In addition, he noted that the Palo Alto branch also features private banking services for individuals.

"In recent years, Palo Alto has become one of the key commercial and technology centers in Silicon Valley, which is why we decided to locate there," said Mr. Myers. "In addition, the new office puts Bridge Bank at the epicenter of our expanding client base in the Palo Alto area."

Mr. Myers noted that two of the Valley's best-known banking veterans, Kenneth D. Brenner and Colleen Carlsted, are leading the team of seven bankers staffing the branch.

"Given its central location, Palo Alto is an exciting and ever-changing market," said Mr. Brenner. "We're delighted to be again working among friends and associates old and new."

"We're excited to be an integral part of Bridge Bank's first-ever branch expansion," said Ms. Carlsted. "We look forward to serving such a dynamic high-end business center as Palo Alto."

About Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley, N.A.

Bridge Bank of Silicon Valley is Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank. The bank is dedicated to meeting the financial needs of small and middle market businesses in Silicon Valley. Bridge Bank provides its clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced, professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the web at www.bridgebanksv.com.

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