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BRIDGE BANK LAUNCHES FINANCE GROUP

Commercial Finance Veterans Michael J. Field, Lee A. Shodiss to Oversee New Unit

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Santa Clara, California – August 22, 2002 -- Daniel P. Myers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridge Bank, National Association (OCTBB: BBSV), today announced the official launch of the Bridge Capital Finance Group, and the appointment of two Silicon Valley commercial finance veterans to oversee the new unit.

“We have launched the Capital Finance Group to provide to our business clients creative finance solutions that do not typically fall into traditional bank debt standards,” said Mr. Myers. “The group’s products will include recourse accounts receivable purchases, asset-based lending, and vendor assurance.”

Mr. Myers said that the bank has appointed two highly experienced commercial finance executives to run the Bridge Capital Finance Group. They are:

- Michael J. Field, who will serve as Executive Vice President of Bridge Bank’s new unit; and,
Lee A. Shodiss, who will serve as Senior Vice President and Manager.

“Michael and Lee bring a wealth of experience, product knowledge, and successful track records in this financing sector to our new group. I am pleased to have two commercial finance executives who understand the financing needs of the business community with an in-depth knowledge of asset-based lending products,” said Mr. Myers.

“This is a great opportunity to build a capital finance program from scratch,” said Mr. Field, “Bridge Bank truly understands the varied finance needs of the local business community, and the best methods to meet those needs.”

“Bridge Bank is an exceptional new financial institution in that it understands the needs of businesses that extend beyond traditional lending activities,” said Mr. Shodiss. “We look forward to the exciting opportunities that await us in the Capital Finance Group.”

Most recently, Mr. Field was Senior Vice President of Silicon Valley Bank’s Specialty Finance Division. At Silicon Valley Bank, Mr. Field served in various capacities within the Specialty Finance Division/Products and Services, including National Market Manager, Assistant Division Manager, Senior Portfolio Manager and Senior Production Manager. From 1996 to 2002, he was responsible for growing the loans of that division from \$14 million to \$100 million. Annual division revenues grew from \$3 million to \$20 million during the same period. Mr. Field is a 1989 graduate of San Jose State University, where he earned a BS degree in Business Administration. He resides in Pleasanton.

Before his appointment at Bridge Bank, Mr. Shodiss was Senior Vice President and Acting Company Division Manager for the Silicon Valley Bank’s Factoring Division. At Silicon Valley Bank, Mr. Shodiss was responsible for managing all aspects of the factoring division. He also played an integral role in growing the factoring division loan portfolio from \$8 million in 1994 to \$120 million in 2002. Annual revenues grew from \$2 million to \$18 million in the same period. Mr. Shodiss is a 1986 graduate of the University of California at Irvine, where he earned a BA degree in social sciences. He resides in San Jose.

About Bridge Bank, N.A.

Bridge Bank 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 clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the Web at www.bridgebank.com.

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