

**PRESS RELEASE****Bridge Bank's Emily V. Ruvalcaba Receives Masters Certificate
from Prestigious Pacific Coast Banking School**

Santa Clara, California -- October 2, 2002 -- Daniel P. Myers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridge Bank N.A., today announced that Emily V. Ruvalcaba, Senior Vice President and Corporate Banking Manager in the Santa Clara office, was awarded the prestigious masters-level certificate of graduation from the Pacific Coast Banking School. Ms. Ruvalcaba joins 152 graduates who received their degrees on August 30, 2002.

The Seattle, Washington-based PCBS offers a two-year graduate level program of leadership and management education focused on the financial services industry. In addition to a series of core classes, PCBS offers electives in electronic banking and electronic commerce, as well as personal financial planning. Sessions are conducted the last two weeks of August and include post session extension work for each of the students.

"PCBS is a worthwhile educational experience and this is an impressive accomplishment", said Myers, also a PCBS graduate. "All of us at Bridge Bank offer our hearty congratulations to Emily for this significant career achievement."

In addition to her new degree from PCBS, Ms. Ruvalcaba holds a Bachelor of Arts in Management from St. Mary's College. She is a guest lecturer at the University of Santa Clara MBA program, and has served as a volunteer speaker for seminars on financing for small business sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

About PCBS

Since 1938, PCBS, in partnership with the University of Washington Graduate School of Business, has helped over 9,000 bankers increase their banking expertise and management skills. More than 400 graduates now serve as CEOs of financial institutions, while hundreds more serve in key leadership roles across the country. Visit the school's Web site at www.pcbsmi.org.

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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