

**PRESS
RELEASE****Bridge Bank Expands to Downtown San Jose***Bank to be Anchor Tenant in High-Profile Commercial Building*

Santa Clara, CA – September 17, 2003 -- Bridge Bank, N.A. (**NASDAQ: BBNK**), Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank, said today it is expanding with a new office at 55 Almaden Boulevard in downtown San Jose. When the expansion is completed, Bridge Bank will be the anchor tenant in the eight-story commercial building. The bank expects to take occupancy in the first quarter of 2004, subject to regulatory approvals.

Bridge Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Daniel P. Myers said the new office would serve as Bridge Bank's executive and administrative offices, as well as the primary branch location for the institution's expanding client base in the San Jose and Silicon Valley markets. Bridge Bank will initially move thirty-nine of its bankers into the new facility. The building is located in the heart of Santa Clara County's banking and financial services district, he added.

"We are extremely excited about expanding into San Jose," said Mr. Myers, who also noted that the city is the third largest in California and 11th largest in the nation. "With approximately one million residents and thousands of small businesses headquartered there, San Jose is truly the capital of Silicon Valley. We are confident the move will help us better serve the bank's growing base of clients."

"Bridge Bank will add strength to our business environment that will help our local companies grow and prosper," said San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales. "Bridge has made an excellent choice that will benefit both the residents and employers in our community. I welcome Bridge Bank to San Jose."

The 55 Almaden Boulevard high rise has extensive ties to the region's banking industry. "The bank is expanding into a very noteworthy structure, especially in terms of commercial banking in the community," stated Robert Gionfriddo, Bridge Bank's President of its Specialty Markets Group. "The building once served as the headquarters for Plaza Bank of Commerce, one of the most successful business banks in the history of the South Bay." Launched in 1979, Plaza Bank was sold to Detroit, Michigan-based Comerica Bank in 1992.

"The negotiations with our new landlord, Wolff DeNapoli, were exemplary," said Ken Silveira, Executive Vice President, who oversees overall resource management for the Bank. "We have successfully negotiated a long-term agreement that will accommodate our business needs well into the future. Plans to prepare the facility will begin immediately and we should commence operations during the first quarter."

Bridge Bank opened for business following its initial public stock offering of \$19.1 million, one of the largest *de-novo* commercial bank IPO's on record. The initial offering was oversubscribed 28 percent. To support its accelerated growth, the Bank closed a second stock offering in June 2002 that raised an additional \$14.4 million. The second offering was 20 percent oversubscribed.

In early 2002, the Bank launched a Small Business Administration Loan Group. Accredited as a Preferred Lender in its first eight months, the SBA Loan Group has produced over \$80 million of SBA loans in its first eighteen months of activity. Bridge Bank is currently ranked among the top 10 percent of most active SBA lenders in the San Francisco and Sacramento SBA districts as well as the entire State of California.

In mid-2002, Bridge Bank launched the Bridge Capital Finance Group, a lending division that offers structured commercial finance, factoring, and asset based lending products to businesses in the Silicon Valley region.

"The growth at Bridge Bank requires that we now occupy additional space and the Almaden Boulevard location is the perfect fit for us -- today and tomorrow," said Allan C. Kramer M. D., Chairman of Bridge Bank. "The San Jose office represents another significant chapter in the early, but exciting story of Bridge Bank."

Since Bridge Bank opened in May 2001, it has grown to \$227 million of total assets as of June 30, 2003, one of the fastest growth rates among California-based *de-novo* banks. The Bank reported net income of \$278,000, or \$0.04 per diluted share, in the three months ended June 30, 2003. This result was the Bank's third consecutive profitable quarter. Initially traded over-the-counter, Bridge Bank stock began listing on The NASDAQ Stock Market in January 2003 under the trading symbol BBNK.

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 the Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, and the Sacramento business communities. Bridge Bank provides clients with a comprehensive package of business banking solutions delivered through experienced and professional bankers. Visit Bridge Bank on the Web at www.bridgebank.com.

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