

**PRESS
RELEASE****Bridge Bank Obtains Regulatory Approval
To Expand To Downtown San Jose***Bank to be Anchor Tenant in High-Profile Commercial Building*

Santa Clara, CA – February 18, 2004 -- Bridge Bank, N.A. (NASDAQ: BBNK), Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank, said today it has received approval from the Comptroller of the Currency to expand with a new branch 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 March of 2004.

In addition to operating as the main branch location for the institution's expanding client base in the San Jose and Silicon Valley market, the new office will house Bridge Bank's executive and administrative offices. The building is located in the heart of Santa Clara County's banking and financial services district.

The 55 Almaden Boulevard high rise has extensive ties to the region's independent banking industry. The building once served as the headquarters for Plaza Bank of Commerce, one of the most successful business banks in the South Bay. Launched in 1979, Plaza Bank was sold to Detroit, Michigan-based Comerica Bank in 1992.

Since Bridge Bank opened in May 2001, it has grown to \$276 million of total assets at year-end 2003, one of the fastest growth rates among California-based de-novo banks. In only its second full year of operation - the year ended December 31, 2003 - the bank reported net income of \$1.5 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share.

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. Bridge Bank stock is listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market 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, Sacramento, and the San Diego 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.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed in this press release constitute forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are subject to the safe harbors created by that Act. Forward-looking statements describe future plans, strategies, and expectations, and are based on currently available information, expectations, assumptions, projections, and management's judgment about the Bank, the banking industry and general economic conditions. These forward looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed, suggested or implied by the forward looking statements.

These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: (1) competitive pressures in the banking industry; (2) changes in interest rate environment; (3) general economic conditions, nationally, regionally, and in operating markets; (4) changes in the regulatory environment; (5) changes in business conditions and inflation; (6) changes in securities markets; and (7) future credit loss experience.

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