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Santa Clara, California – February 25, 2004 – Daniel P. Myers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridge Bank, National Association (**NASDAQ: BBNK**), announced today that Scott Chamberlin, a 12-year veteran in the financial services industry, has been appointed to manage the Sales and Marketing of the Bank's Capital Finance Group.

Chamberlin, who was named Senior Vice President and Market Manager, was most recently the Vice President and Regional Market Manager of Silicon Valley Bank's Structured Finance Group. At Silicon Valley Bank Mr. Chamberlin served in various capacities including Market Manager positions in both the Specialty Finance and Commercial Finance divisions where he was responsible for growing the factoring portfolio from \$5,000,000 to \$40,000,000 and the asset-based portfolio from \$10,000,000 to \$45,000,000. Previously, he was a Vice President and Business Development Officer for various financial organizations, including City National Bank, Bank of America, and GE Capital.

"We are pleased to have someone of Scott's caliber continue the strong growth we have experienced in our Capital Finance Group which provides creative finance solutions to companies that may not meet traditional bank debt standards," said Mr. Myers. "The group's products include accounts receivable financing, asset-based lending, and vendor assurance."

"Scott has a tremendous track record in financing companies in Northern and Southern California and will certainly assist us as we expand our Capital Finance Group nationwide. He truly understands the need to provide creative asset-based solutions to the business community," said Michael Field, Bridge Bank Executive Vice President and Manager of the Bridge Capital Finance Group.

"I am very excited to be able to join the Bridge Bank team and I am looking forward to continue building Bridge Bank's asset-based portfolio by delivering non-traditional financing solutions to companies," said Mr. Chamberlin.

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.

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