

**PRESS RELEASE****Bridge Bank Promotes John P. Peckham
To Senior Vice President / IT Manager**

Santa Clara, CA – April 2, 2004 – Bridge Bank, N.A. (NASDAQ: **BBNK**), Santa Clara County's newest full-service business bank, today announced that it has promoted John P. Peckham to Senior Vice President and Manager of its information technology systems.

"John has done a great job in setting up and maintaining Bridge Bank's information systems," said Ken Silveira, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Bridge Bank. "With John managing our systems, the Bank has been able to deliver technologically advanced banking tools to its employees that in turn drive Bridge Bank's ability to deliver state of the art banking solutions to its business clients."

Bridge Bank provides advanced electronic banking solutions to its business clients. Since opening in May 2001, the Bank has outsourced domestically many of its information technology and back room processing functions to top tier nationally known service providers. This allows Bridge Bank to offer to its business clients superior service delivered through experienced bank officers backed up by state of the art electronic banking systems.

"With more and more of the banking experience relying on electronic delivery channels, we are fortunate to have such an experienced IT manager with Bridge Bank," stated Daniel P. Myers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bridge Bank. "Our bankers and clients appreciate John's effectiveness in making sure our banking systems perform at their best."

Mr. Peckham joined Bridge Bank in 2002 as Vice President of Information Technology. Prior to Bridge Bank, he was a Senior Associate with BancAudit Associates, LLC as a Certified Information Systems Auditor. Before joining BancAudit Associates, Mr. Peckham was Vice President and Manager of Network Systems for Heritage Commerce Corp, the parent company of Heritage Bank of Commerce of San Jose, where, as a founding employee, he designed, implemented, and supported that institution's technology infrastructure. Prior to Heritage Bank, Mr. Peckham worked as a financial analyst with Syntex USA in Palo Alto.

John is a graduate of California State University Sacramento with a bachelor's degree in business. He is a long time San Jose resident and lives in the Willow Glen area of San Jose with his wife and three children.

Bridge Bank recently opened a full service regional banking office in downtown San Jose and a regional Small Business Administration loan production office in San Diego to serve the Southern California small business market. It also recently received the prestigious 5-Star rating from BauerFinancial Incorporated, that independent rating firm's highest quality rating for financial institutions.

Bridge Bank specializes in providing superior service and customized banking solutions to small and middle-market businesses. The bank's product offerings include 24/7 internet-based business cash management, on-line account statement and item imaging, commercial lines of credit, construction loans, Small Business Administration 7(a) and 504 loans as an SBA Preferred Lender Participant-accredited direct lender, and factoring and asset-based loans through its Bridge Capital Finance Group.

Since Bridge Bank opened in May 2001, it has grown to \$279 million of total assets as of December 31, 2003, one of the fastest growth rates among California-based de-novo commercial banks. The bank reported a pre-tax operating income of \$1.5 million, or \$0.24 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2003. This result was the Bank's first full profitable year and was achieved in only its second full year of operation.

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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