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First Sound Bank Adds to Staff

SEATTLE, November 29, 2007 – First Sound Bank Operations Manager Dinah Quick today announced the addition of three new staff persons – Debbie Johnson, Dan Meuli and Jeff Wilson – to better serve the bank’s growing number of clients.

Johnson, who has joined First Sound Bank as a construction loan administrator, provides loan services support for commercial and residential construction clients. She brings extensive experience from her 18-year career as an escrow and loan production officer with Charter Title Corporation and Pacific Northwest Title Company (both in Silverdale), and most recently with Stewart Title in Seatac.

Meuli brings nine years of experience in the local banking industry – in capacities ranging from sales and service to operations manager – to his position as senior operations service specialist with First Sound Bank. Most recently, he served as a project coordinator with First Mutual Bank, where he was responsible for back-office operations support of deposit personnel and business and consumer clients. Meuli holds an Associate in Arts and Science degree from Bellevue Community College and a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Central Washington College in Ellensburg.

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Wilson's more than 17 years of diverse experience in information technology will bring much to his role as IT Manager with First Sound Bank. He began his banking career with Pacific Crest Savings Bank in 1992, where he served as an information systems director/network administrator for 14 years before taking on his most recent assignment as network administrator for Evergreen Home Loans. Wilson has a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Finance from Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

First Sound Bank was founded in July 2004 with initial oversubscribed investor capital of \$20 million – at the time, the most equity ever raised by a *de novo* bank in the Northwest. Then, in the fall of 2006, the bank raised another oversubscribed \$11 million in capital to fund future expansion in the region. With over \$170 million in assets, the bank serves clients with a dedicated 35-person staff located in its downtown Seattle office, and through a statewide network of 463 correspondent bank affiliates.

About First Sound Bank

First Sound Bank is a Seattle-based bank offering customized banking for small- to medium-sized businesses, organizations, not-for-profits and professionals in the Puget Sound region. Founded by a team of veteran local banking executives, First Sound Bank is committed to delivering personalized service, convenient access and competitive rates to support the needs of the business community. First Sound Bank offers online banking at www.firstsoundbank.com plus an expansive banking network in the western U.S., as well as ATM banking throughout the country and abroad.

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