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**First Sound Bank Promotes John Maihofer to Assistant Vice President**

**SEATTLE**, November 29, 2007 – First Sound Bank has promoted Cash Management Officer John Maihofer to assistant vice president.

Maihofer, who joined First Sound in 2006, began his banking career in 2000 as a branch manager for Watermark Credit Union in Bellevue. He then went on to serve, from 2003-2005, as a banking center manager with First Mutual Bank in Snohomish and most recently as a business specialist with Wells Fargo Bank. Maihofer graduated from Agua Fria Union High School and attended Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale, Arizona.

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

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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](http://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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