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**First Sound Bank Promotes Sean Biermanski
to Senior Vice President and Team Leader**

SEATTLE, January 27, 2009 – First Sound Bank has promoted Sean Biermanski to senior vice president and team leader with the responsibility of leading the bank’s sales efforts as it expands its footprint and outreach to small- and medium-sized businesses in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

Biermanski joined First Sound Bank in April 2008 with 18 years of experience in sales, insurance and banking – including eight years with KeyBank, where he served as a regional leasing manager and business banker.

Excited to represent a locally owned, independent bank, Biermanski is dedicated to assisting underserved businesses with annual revenues from \$2 million to \$30 million who are looking for a bank that offers local decision making, expanded deposit services, competitive rates and logical lending solutions – all delivered by bankers with roots in the local community.

First Sound Bank was founded in July 2004. With \$267 million in assets, the bank and its dedicated 83-person staff serve clients from its downtown Seattle office and its leasing company in Bellevue.

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About First Sound Bank

Seattle-based First Sound Bank offers 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, it is committed to delivering personalized service, convenient access and competitive rates to support the needs of the business community. The 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. On March 1, 2008, First Sound Bank purchased a majority of the assets of Puget Sound Leasing Company, Inc. – a small ticket, business-to-business leasing company with a prior 23-year history – and established Puget Sound Leasing as a division of First Sound Bank.

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