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Sean Biermanski Joins First Sound Bank as Vice President

SEATTLE, May 21, 2008 – Sean Biermanski has joined First Sound Bank as a vice president and relationship manager.

Biermanski brings to First Sound 18 years of experience in sales, insurance and banking. He began his career with Sunhill NIC Company, Inc. of Seattle in 1990, where he held positions in finance and sales management until opening his own agency with Allstate Insurance Company in Lynnwood in 1993. Upon selling the agency in 1998, Biermanski joined FNF Capital/Granite Financial, where he worked as a commercial account officer for two years. For the past eight years, Biermanski has served as a regional leasing manager with Key Equipment Finance in Seattle and Tacoma, and as a vice president and business banker with KeyBank in Seattle.

Biermanski graduated from Washington State University in Pullman in 1989 with a B.A. in Business Administration and English.

First Sound Bank was founded in July 2004 with initial investor capital of \$20 million – at the time, the most equity ever raised by a *de novo* bank in the Northwest. In the fall of 2006, the bank raised an additional \$11 million in capital. With \$255 million in assets,

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the bank serves clients with a dedicated 93-person staff located in its downtown Seattle office and its leasing company in Bellevue.

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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