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STONEBRIDGE BANK BECOMES A SBA PARTICIPATING LENDER

WEST CHESTER, PA – August 29, 2007- SBA's Philadelphia District Director David Dickson has officially announced that Stonebridge Bank has been designated as a SBA participating lender.

Stonebridge Executive Vice President James Kirkpatrick states, "We are proud of this distinction from the SBA, and feel it is a strong indication of Stonebridge Bank's support of the small business owner and the communities we serve." SBA-approved banks are nominated based on the lending experience of the bank and their lending staff.

The SBA's Loan Guaranty Program is the agency's primary financial assistance instrument. It provides loan guaranties on business loans to help qualified entrepreneurs secure financing on reasonable terms. The maximum loan amount is \$2 million.

On a national level, small businesses turned to the SBA for commercial financing in record numbers during 2006, securing over 100,000 loans for over \$19 billion setting a loan volume record for the fifth consecutive year.

The SBA's Philadelphia District Office, which services the eastern 40 counties of Pennsylvania, approved over 2,600 loans to small business owners totaling more than \$400 million in 2006.

"We are grateful to our lending partners, such as Stonebridge Bank, for using the SBA's loan programs," said Dickson "They continue to demonstrate a commitment to the small business community, and building the nation's economy."

About Stonebridge Bank

Established in 1999, Stonebridge Bank is positioned as the Delaware Valley's Local Internet Bank™, combining community banking with advanced online technology. Based in West Chester, PA, Stonebridge Bank serves commercial banking customers through locations in PA, and MD, while offering customers around the nation a complete range of retail banking services through www.stonebridgebank.com.

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