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Silicon Valley Bank Sponsors Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives CEO Network, Annual Dinner and Auction

PALO ALTO, Calif., April 15, 2005 — Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives (FWE), the premier organization for women building and leading high-tech and high-growth companies, announced today that Silicon Valley Bank, a premier provider of financial services to entrepreneurial companies and the primary subsidiary of Silicon Valley Bancshares (Nasdaq: SIVB), has committed to sponsor FWE's CEO Network through the end of 2005. SVB will also serve as a Gold Sponsor of the FWE Annual Dinner and Auction, presented by SAP, which takes place on Wednesday, June 22.

"For over twenty years, Silicon Valley Bank's mission has been to help entrepreneurs succeed and our involvement with the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives furthers this cause," said Silvia Fernandez, head of Private Client Services, Silicon Valley Bank. "Our support of FWE reflects SVB's unwavering dedication to helping entrepreneurs and executives create and manage thriving businesses."

"Silicon Valley Bank's support of the CEO Network's social events will help tremendously in building the interest, participation and success of the network," said Amy Love, FWE CEO. "As well as help create the platform where the success of FWE members will be celebrated, and women recognized as thought leaders."

For more information on sponsorship and registration, go to www.fwe.org.

About the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives
Founded in 1993, Forum for Women Entrepreneurs and Executives (FWE) is the premier networking, educational and social organization for women entrepreneurs and executives and their eco-system partners who are building and leading high-growth companies. FWE's mission is to accelerate women's opportunities to start, manage, lead and invest in market-leading companies by providing its members with powerful access to powerful networks®. Via national and international visibility as well as professional, educational and social programs, FWE delivers real value. www.fwe.org

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