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Silicon Valley Bank Co-Sponsors UCSD CONNECT's Technology Financial Forum on March 13

SAN DIEGO - March 6, 2002 - Silicon Valley Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Silicon Valley Bancshares, will co-sponsor UCSD CONNECT's 18th annual Technology Financial Forum, held March 13 at the Sheraton Harbor Island-West Tower. The event will feature exhibit booths and business plan presentation from more than 20 Southern Californian early stage companies.

The mission of the Forum is to help technology companies prepare to raise venture capital and meet potential investors. Attendees will benefit from a day of presentations from leading industry experts and some of the region's top entrepreneurial talent. Presenting companies were pre-scanned by a CONNECT committee, and then presentations were critiqued and polished. Various industries will be represented, including financial services, medical devices, software, communications, and graphics media.

Lead sponsors of the CONNECT Technology Financial Forum are KPMG and Cooley Godward, LLP. Supporting sponsors with Silicon Valley Bank include Brobeck, Deloitte & Touche, Comerica, Marsh, Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear, LLP, Ernst &Young, Luce Forward, Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP, and the San Diego Daily Transcript. For more information on the event, please visit www.connect.org.

About USCD CONNECT
Created as an interactive, community-based organization in 1985, CONNECT is the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Program in Technology and Entrepreneurship.

By connecting entrepreneurs with the resources they need to succeed, and business service providers with new technologies and business opportunities, UCSD CONNECT acts as a catalyst for the success of various emerging technology industries, as well as the San Diego community.

Entirely self-supporting, USCD CONNECT receives no funding from the University or the State of California. We are supported by membership dues, course fees, grants, and corporate underwriting specific programs.

About Silicon Valley Bank
Silicon Valley Bank serves emerging growth and middle market companies in targeted niches, focusing on technology and life sciences, while also addressing other specific industries in which it can provide a higher level of service and better manage credit through specialization and focus.

The Bank operates throughout the Silicon Valley: Fremont, Santa Clara, Palo Alto and Sand Hill, the center of the venture capital community in California. Other regional offices within California include: Irvine, Los Angeles, Napa Valley, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Sonoma. Office locations outside of California include: Phoenix, Arizona; Boulder, Colorado; West Palm Beach, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis, Minnesota; New York, New York; Durham, North Carolina; Portland, Oregon; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Austin, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Northern Virginia; and Seattle, Washington. More information on the Bank can be found at www.svb.com.

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