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Silicon Valley Bank Co-sponsors Connections 2001: Communications Partnering Conference April 29 - May 1

Half Moon Bay, CA -- April 30, 2001 -- Silicon Valley Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of Silicon Valley Bancshares, is co-sponsoring the Connections 2001: Communication Partnering Conference held April 29 - May 1. The conference will be take place at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Half Moon Bay, California.

Connections 2001 provides a forum for 75 emerging communications companies to explore partnering opportunities with an audience of industry leading communications companies, fellow emerging companies and venture capital firms. The leading communications-oriented venture capital firms have chosen the attending emerging communications companies from their portfolios. Each company will have half an hour to make a presentation to a panel of the leading communications venture capitalists.

Silvia Fernandez, Software Division Manager of Silicon Valley Bank, will be speaking at the welcome breakfast on the first day of Connections 2001. Other sponsors of Connections 2001 include Brobeck, Credit Suisse First Boston, The Daily Deal, Nasdaq, Bowne, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Metricom.

Industry leading communications companies and venture capital firms will attend the conference. Connections 2001 will also feature panels and speakers discussing trends in the communications industry.

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: 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; 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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