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Silicon Valley Bank Hosts Executive Luncheon May 15, Dorian Weaver of Ex-Im Bank is Speaking

Boston, MA -- May 14, 2001 -- Silicon Valley East, a division of Silicon Valley Bank (the "Bank"), will be hosting an Executive Luncheon May 15 at the Silicon Valley East offices in Newton, Massachusetts. Dorian Vanessa Weaver of the Export-Import Bank of the United States will be the guest speaker.

Weaver's topic is "Leveraging Ex-Im Bank Programs to Finance Your International Sales." She will discuss how U.S. high-tech companies can leverage Ex-Im Bank programs - including working capital guarantees for exporters, credit insurance and foreign buyer loan and guarantee programs to obtain financing for their international sales.

Weaver is a member of the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States. She evaluates and approves $15.5 billion each year in loan guarantees, direct loans, insurance politics and working capital guarantees. Weaver is currently orchestrating new financial programs to help re-align the Bank to serve a technology driven service economy.

Silicon Valley Bank is the leading provider of Ex-Im Bank Working Capital Guaranty financing to emerging growth and middle market technology and life sciences companies. The Bank has been awarded Super Delegated Authority of $10 million, the highest level under the Ex-Im Bank Working Capital Guaranty Program.

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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