



Nation's Fastest-Growing Bankers' Bank Hires Sonia Portwood as Chief Relationship Manager

SAN FRANCISCO- February 14, 2008 - Pacific Coast Bankers' Bank (PCBB) has named Sonia Portwood as Executive Vice President and Business Development Manager. In this role, Portwood will provide our highly-seasoned relationship management team with leadership, sales management and customer satisfaction for community banks across the country.

“We are every pleased to have someone with Sonia’s sterling reputation and depth of experience join our relationship management team,” said Steve Brown, PCBB President and Chief Executive Officer. “Sonia is a strong leader who will continue to help us provide unparalleled customer service that our community bank clients have come to expect from PCBB, while expanding our product and service offering. We welcome her to PCBB and look forward to adding her experienced leadership to our team.”

Portwood brings 24 years of banking success to this new leadership position at the nation’s fastest-growing banker’s bank. She most recently served as National Key Accounts & Marketing Manager for Kensington Investment Group in Orinda, CA. In that capacity, she developed and maintained relationships with banks, broker-dealers and financial advisors. Portwood has also previously worked at Bank of America, SunTrust, Bisys and as a community banker in Mississippi early in her career.

Portwood will also work closely with executives at Banc Investment Group, LLC, the wholly-owned broker-dealer subsidiary of Pacific Coast Bankers’ Bancshares. Banc Investment Group offers a comprehensive suite of capital markets and consulting products, hedging, trust preferred securities, consulting and other services.

About Pacific Coast Bankers’ Bancshares

Pacific Coast Bankers’ Bancshares is the holding company for Pacific Coast Bankers’ Bank (PCBB), a correspondent bank, and Banc Investment Group (BIG), a broker dealer. For over a decade, PCBB has served the needs of community banks with unmatched innovation and personalization. With nearly \$4 billion in assets under management at year-end 2007, PCBB is the second largest bankers’ bank in the United States.

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