

## Seacoast Commerce Bank Continues as #1 Small Business Lender in San Diego ~ #4 Lender in California ~ #24 Lender in the Nation.

**CHULA VISTA, Calif.** – April 19, 2010 – Seacoast Commerce Bank (OTCBB: SCCB) today announced that it was ranked the #1 provider of loans to San Diego small businesses, as reported by the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA), for the SBA's six-month results ended March 31, 2010.

The SBA tracks which banks are providing assistance to small businesses through the SBA's 7(a) loan program, and for the SBA's second quarter-ended March 31, 2010, Seacoast Commerce Bank was the #1 Bank in San Diego providing loans to small businesses, approving \$10 million in much needed new credit.

In addition to being ranked the #1 San Diego provider of loans to small business, Seacoast was the 4th largest small business lender in the State of California, and the 24th largest SBA lender nationally, in terms of dollars, out of almost 2,100 SBA loan providers, for the quarter-ended March 31, 2010, with \$48.5 million in loans to small businesses approved.

Richard M. Sanborn, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "Small businesses are the engine that will pull us out of this economic recession, and we want to do what we can to help our City and State recover. Our goal continues to be to provide \$100 million in new SBA loans to small businesses this year, and we're on track to do it. That will go a long way in helping small businesses survive and thrive in this economic crisis."

David Bartram, EVP and SBA Division Manager added, "Our talented team of experienced SBA professionals, both in the sales and back office positions, have enabled us to meet the needs of small business. Our focus on providing owner/users long-term real estate financing enables the business owner to preserve working capital for their business."

Seacoast Commerce Bank is a business bank operating in San Diego, California, with loan production offices in Orange County, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, California, Bellevue, Washington and Phoenix Arizona. For more information on the bank please visit our website at <a href="https://www.sccombank.com">www.sccombank.com</a> or contact Richard M. Sanborn, President and Chief Executive Officer at 619-409-5762. For more information on our SBA Department, please visit <a href="https://www.sbaconnect.com">www.sbaconnect.com</a>, or contact David Bartram, Executive Vice President, at 760-796-5544.

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