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To the Editor:

Puget Sound Bank Achieves 4-Star Excellent Rating

March 2010: In these tough economic times, it is important to know there are financial institutions that are strong, secure, and ready and able to assist their communities. **Puget Sound Bank, Bellevue, Washington** is one such institution – dedicated to getting Main Street back on its feet. Since it exhibits overall financial excellence in such areas as: capital adequacy, delinquent loan levels and profitability, **BAUERFINANCIAL, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida** is proud to bestow its 4-Star Excellent rating upon Puget Sound Bank.

“The unstable economic picture, both on Wall Street and on Main Street, makes it all the more important to recognize those financial institutions that are strong and stable,” remarks Karen L. Dorway, president of BAUERFINANCIAL. “The institutions that played by the rules and did not compromise their lending standards are the same institutions that stand ready to help build the economy back up. Puget Sound Bank is an excellent example of this community spirit.”

Established in 2005, Puget Sound Bank has been serving the banking needs of small and medium-sized business, commercial real estate projects, professionals and individuals seeking a higher level of service in the greater Puget Sound region for five years. It operates through its office on Northeast 8th Street in Bellevue and can be found on the internet at www.pugetsoundbank.com.

Puget Sound Bank: “Your 4-Star Community Bank.”

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