



## Seacoast Commerce Bank Ranked #1 Bank to Small Businesses

**CHULA VISTA, Calif.** – February 9, 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 San Diego District Office of the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The SBA tracks which banks are providing assistance to small businesses through the SBA's 7(a) loan program, and for the quarter-ended December 31, 2009, Seacoast Commerce Bank was the top locally-headquartered Bank providing loans to small businesses, providing \$5.7 million in much needed new credit. The San Diego District Office reported a total of \$9.6 million in loans to small businesses from all locally-headquartered banks, with Seacoast providing 60% of all those loans.

In addition to being ranked the #1 local bank provider of loans to small business, Seacoast was the 26<sup>th</sup> largest SBA lender nationally in terms of dollars, out of approximately 5,000 SBA loan providers, for the quarter-ended December 31, 2009, with over \$23 million in loans to small businesses approved.

Richard M. Sanborn, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "It's important for business owners to know that contrary to what's being reported about the banking industry, we are lending to businesses. Our goal is to provide \$100 million in new SBA loans to small businesses this year. That will go a long way in helping small businesses survive this economic crisis."

David Bartram, EVP and SBA Division Manager added, "We have been able to attract quality and experienced SBA professionals both in the sales and back shop positions, which enables our newly developed SBA platform 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, CA, Bellevue, Washington and Phoenix Arizona. For more information on the bank please visit our website at [www.sccombank.com](http://www.sccombank.com) or contact Richard M. Sanborn, President and Chief Executive Officer at 619-409-5762. For more information on our SBA Department, please visit [www.sbaconnect.com](http://www.sbaconnect.com), or contact David Bartram, Executive Vice President, at 760-796-5544.

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