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United American Bank Awarded SBA Preferred Lender Status *Community Bank Named Preferred Lender in Record Time*

San Mateo, CA – August 16 , 2004 – John Schrup, President and Chief Executive Officer of United American Bank (OTCBB: UABK), San Mateo’s newest full-service, locally owned and operated community bank, today announced that United American Bank has been awarded Preferred Lender status by the U.S. Small Business Administration. To earn this designation from the SBA, lenders must establish a successful track record and display a thorough understanding of SBA lending policies and procedures.

“As a Preferred Lender, United American Bank will now be able to approve SBA-backed loans in-house, resulting in even faster loan approvals and funds disbursements for our clients” said Schrup. “With this designation, the SBA has officially recognized both the track record of the Bank and the high level of SBA expertise demonstrated by our professional banking staff. “

“I know of no other bank in the Bay Area to achieve this status in such a short period of time from when they first opened for business or established an SBA lending program,” said Mark Feathers, Senior Vice President and Manager of Commercial Real Estate Lending Services at United American Bank. “We have only been open for 14 months, but our staff has combined experience of more than 25 years in SBA lending. From the day we opened, SBA business has been a core product for the Bank, and gaining Preferred Lender status so quickly shows that the SBA recognizes our capabilities in this area.”

“We saw that United American Bank was making it a priority to do SBA loans and to do them well,” said Mark Quinn, District Director, San Francisco District, Small Business Administration, Northern California. “By granting them Preferred Lender status, they can be even more responsive to their customers, which will help promote the Bank and help small businesses have more access to SBA-backed loans. “

To date, United American Bank has funded more than \$13.2 million in SBA-backed loans to small businesses in the Bay Area. SBA loans can be used for business purposes such as real estate purchase or refinance, expansion, equipment, working capital or inventory.

About United American Bank

United American Bank is San Mateo County's newest full-service commercial bank. The bank is dedicated to providing quality banking and financial services to businesses, professionals and individuals who prefer a high level of personalized client service and management. For more information, visit United American Bank on the web at www.UnitedAmericanBank.com or call 650-579-1500.

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