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LOCAL FINANCIAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL EARNS NATIONAL CERTIFICATION

Oxnard, June 5, 2009- Janice Armijo, Chief Operating Officer, Ventura County Business Bank, was recently awarded the Certified Regulatory Compliance Managers (CRCM) designation from the Institute of Certified Bankers (ICB), a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, in Washington, DC.

Ms. Armijo was appointed the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Bank on December 20, 2006. Ms. Armijo began her banking career in 1977 with Security Pacific National Bank. She joined Ventura County Business Bank in May 2003 and became the Bank's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in July 2004. Ms. Armijo then took on the additional title and responsibilities of Compliance Manager in 2005.

Ventura County Business Bank obtained a Charter from The California Department of Financial Institutions and The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in April 2003 and offers commercial banking services to businesses in Ventura County, CA. The Bank services clients in the East County from a branch location at 600 Hampshire Rd. in Westlake Village, CA and serves the West County from a branch location at 366 W. Esplanade Drive in Oxnard, CA.

The CRCM designation is awarded to individuals who demonstrate excellence in the field of bank regulatory compliance. To qualify for the CRCM certification, individuals must have certain levels of experience and education in the compliance profession, pass an exam and agree to abide by a code of ethics. The CRCM exam covers regulatory requirements as they relate to credit, deposits/securities, safety and soundness, information reporting and corporate responsibility.

Financial services professionals, working through the Institute of Certified Bankers, initiated the CRCM designation and eight others in order to establish meaningful standards of knowledge in specialty areas of the financial services industry. ICB certifications formally recognize those who meet these standards and meet professional continuing education and development requirements.

The ICB, with 8,000 certified members, provides financial services professionals with confidence, credibility and recognition through its certifications. As a subsidiary of the American Bankers Association, ICB promotes the highest standards of performance in the financial services industry by validating individuals' knowledge and expertise. For more information about the Institute of Certified Bankers and its professional certifications, call 202-663-5092 or visit <http://www.aba.com/icb>.