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North Bay Construction VP Joins Summit State Bank's Board of Directors

Santa Rosa, CA – (February 3, 2009) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) appointed **North Bay Construction VP** Nick Rado to the Board of Directors. Founded in 1984, Summit State Bank has grown to become Sonoma County's top rated bank by Bauer Financial, with branches in Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Windsor, and two locations in Santa Rosa.

Nick Rado has been the Vice President of Finance for North Bay Construction since 1991. Current resident of Petaluma and 30-year resident of Sonoma County, Nick Rado has an engineering background and extensive financial operations experience. "There couldn't be a more opportune time to welcome Nick Rado to our Board of Directors. As Summit State Bank continues to report record economic strength and receive the highest financial safety ratings, Mr. Rado's experience will be an asset to our continued success in the Petaluma community," stated John Lewis, Summit State Bank's Chairman of the Board. Mr. Rado contributes extensively to the Petaluma community, including his service on the Board of the Petaluma Boys & Girls Clubs.

Nick Rado was a board member of the Engineering Contractors Association for 18 years, being honored as the Contractor of the Year in both 1991 and 1996. He spent 15 years as the Board Chairman for the Operating Engineers District 10 Apprenticeship Board. He has been married to his wife Linda for 37 years, and they have two children and two grandchildren.

About Summit State Bank: Summit State Bank has total assets of \$364 million and total equity of \$56 million at December 31, 2008. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at www.SummitStateBank.com.

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