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Bank of the West's Third Quarter 2006 Results

\$136.7 Million, Up 4% from 2005

(San Francisco, October 27, 2006) – Bank of the West announced that net income for the third quarter of 2006 was \$136.7 million, compared with \$131.3 million in the third quarter of 2005.

“Margin compression and asset mix were key factors affecting our performance,” said Don J. McGrath, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of the West. “During the third quarter, we introduced several new consumer products, completed a number of insurance agency acquisitions, and expanded our mortgage delivery network. These actions enhance our overall initiative to deliver a standard product set using local distribution channels strategically located throughout our 19-state network.”

With assets of \$55 billion, Bank of the West is the third largest commercial bank headquartered in the West. The bank has 680 branch banking locations in California, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Bank of the West's holding company, BancWest Corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution.

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