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**AMEGY BANK EXECUTIVE NAMED TO *U.S. BANKER* MAGAZINE'S
25 MOST POWERFUL WOMEN IN BANKING**

HOUSTON (October 3, 2006)—Debbie Innes, executive vice president of Amegy Bank of Texas, has been named to *U.S. Banker* magazine's list of 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking. Innes is featured on the magazine's cover photograph with seven women leaders in the banking industry. Innes, who ranked 23rd on the list, was the only Texas-based financial institution executive to place in the top 25. She will be honored at an awards ceremony hosted by *U.S. Banker* on October 23 in New York City.

During Debbie's 14 years at Amegy Bank, I have seen first-hand how her contributions have helped our clients, employees, and the Bank itself succeed, said Paul Murphy, CEO.

This honor is well-deserved, although it does not come as a surprise for any of her fellow employees. We all know that when Debbie sets her sights on an achievement, you had best not stand in her way. Her will to succeed is contagious.

Innes oversees all sales, product management and customer support for the treasury management and retail business lines, which includes more than 700 of Amegy's approximately 2,000 employees. Through June 2006, treasury management experienced 13 percent growth over the same period last year and total revenue from retail has grown 19 percent.

With more than 25 years banking experience, Innes was selected from a field of more than 5,100 women of executive-level status in banking and financial institutions across the country. The magazine describes its 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking as women whose pursuit of excellence, leadership and professional performance has fostered influence that is redefining the financial services landscape. The criteria used for this year's ranking included leadership skills, financial performance, job complexity, contribution to the institution's top and bottom lines, product development, brand equity/shareholder value creation, community involvement, corporate governance and ethics, management style and education.

While this is a great honor that I am humbled to accept, I would not be here today without the support of those I work with, said Innes. Successful community banking takes a team approach, and I am proud to represent that team today.

Innes is an active member of several community organizations including her involvement in "I Have a Dream" – Houston; the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and ESCAPE Family Resource Center. Innes also actively participates in Amegy's Women's Business Partnership, which seeks to expand opportunities with women-owned businesses while supporting the development of the Bank's own female colleagues.

About Amegy Bank of Texas

Amegy Bank of Texas is one of the fastest growing banks in Texas. With assets of more than \$9 billion, local decision making and a history of relationship banking, Amegy has the resources to serve leading Texas companies as a source of capital as well as provide efficient and effective treasury management, international and investment services. The Bank, with more than 75 locations in the state, specializes in small business banking as well as private financial management and trust services for families and individuals, and retail and mortgage banking services. Amegy is a part of the Zions Bancorporation (NASDAQ: ZION) collection of great banks.

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