



Press Release

**AMEGY BANK OF TEXAS NAMES
NEW DALLAS PRESIDENT AND CEO**

Matt Hildreth To Lead Dallas Bank

Dallas, Texas - June 5, 2006 -- Amegy Bank today announced that veteran banker Matt Hildreth will join the company as CEO and president in the Dallas region.

“Matt’s experience as both as an astute banker and a corporate leader will be key to our growth,” noted Terry Kelley, Dallas/Fort Worth regional Chairman. “He will be joining a group of bankers in commercial, real estate, corporate, retail, energy, private banking, and treasury management who provide a brand of banking that is like no other in this region. I have never seen a group with so much enthusiasm for their customers...and for this Bank.”

Hildreth began his 17-year career as a banker in Dallas specializing in serving the investment and commercial banking needs of middle market and corporate companies throughout the Southwest. Most recently, he has been senior vice president and a division manager of commercial banking at JPMorgan Chase in Dallas. Additionally, he was senior vice president of finance and treasurer with a Fortune 500 company.

“With two-thirds of the economic activity in Texas centered in the Metroplex and Houston, it is clear that North Texas plays a significant role in our future growth plans,” said Paul B. Murphy, Jr., CEO of Amegy Bank of Texas. “With his strong finance background and inherent ability as a relationship banker, Matt will be an invaluable member of our team as we continue to be a strong source of capital and financial expertise for the growth and expansion of the companies in this region.” In three years, Amegy’s loan commitments have grown to over \$1.2 billion in north Texas.

“Bankers like Matt Hildreth--and the others who have joined us in Dallas--don’t come along every day,” said Scott McLean, president of Amegy Bank of Texas. “In particular, Matt is a proven business leader who is known for strong execution for the customer and he cares deeply for this community and its long-term growth.”

Hildreth received his BS in finance and economics from Southern Methodist University.

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. Amegy is a part of the Zions Bancorporation (NASDAQ: ZION) collection of great banks.

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