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**Columbia Bank Welcomes Marilyn Hanan-hoover, Vice President and
Commercial Banking Officer**

Everett, WA – Columbia Bank welcomes Marilyn Hanan-hoover, Vice President and Commercial Banking Officer to its newly formed Commercial Banking Team in Everett. Mrs. Hanan-hoover will work to develop relationships with small and medium-sized business in the commercial, industrial and medical fields to provide focused solutions for their financial needs.

Ms. Hanan-hoover brings over 25 years of valuable experience to her new role as Commercial Banking Officer. She has held various titles throughout her career including Branch Manager and Commercial Lender during her time at Frontier Bank.

Mrs. Hanan-hoover earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from the University of Washington. As an active member of her community, she serves as a Board Member and Treasurer for Deaconess Children's Services. She is a past member of the Marysville Rotary, Stillaguamish Senior Center Board, and has volunteered her time to the United Way Day of Sharing. Mrs. Hanan-hoover has lived and worked in Snohomish County since 1988. In 2009, she and her husband moved to Whidbey Island.

About Columbia

Columbia State Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Columbia Banking System, Inc. is a Washington state-chartered full-service commercial bank headquartered in Tacoma, Washington. Columbia Bank was awarded third place in the large employer category by *Seattle Business Magazine's* 100 Best Companies to Work For 2010 and was designated one of *Puget Sound Business Journal's* "Washington's Best Workplaces 2010".

With the January, 2010 FDIC-assisted acquisitions of Columbia River Bank and American Marine Bank, Columbia State Bank has 85 banking offices, including 60 branches in Washington State and 25 branches in Oregon. Columbia State Bank does business under the Bank of Astoria name at the Bank of Astoria's former branches located in Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Manzanita and Tillamook. More information about Columbia can be found on its website at www.columbiabank.com.