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Bank of Nevada EVP Jerrie E. Merritt Wins NAWBO Women of Distinction Award Two other Bank of Nevada Executives also finalists

Las Vegas – March 19, 2008 -- Bank of Nevada announced today that Jerrie E. Merritt, EVP/Regional President won the National Association of Women Business Owners Southern Nevada Chapter's Women of Distinction award in the Professional Services category.

With a banking career spanning 30 years, Jerrie has earned a reputation for professionalism in financial services and leadership in bank management. Merritt manages the Aliante Office of Bank of Nevada and serves on the bank's Management Committee. She is also active in numerous Las Vegas and North Las Vegas community organizations.

Bank of Nevada had the most nominations of any organization represented. Rachelle Crupi, EVP/Regional President and Flossie Christensen, Human Resources Director, were nominated in the categories of Senior Management and Human Resources, respectively.

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Southern Nevada Chapter works to educate, empower and promote women business owners.

About Bank of Nevada

Bank of Nevada has over \$3 billion in assets and specializes in serving the business and professional market with 15 locations in Las Vegas, Henderson, North Las Vegas, and Mesquite. Bank of Nevada is structured as a "super community bank," providing a broader product array and larger credit capacity than a traditional community bank and a staff of experienced relationship managers who serve as a single point of contact for bank clients. Information regarding products and services offered by Bank of Nevada can be found at www.bankofnevada.com.