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### **Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida Announces Banking Staff Additions**

June 17, 2008 – (Sarasota, Florida) – Shaun P. Merriman, President and CEO of Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida has announced three new additions to the Gateway Bank staff.

Jamie L. Jones has joined the company as Assistant Vice President and Credit Analyst/Portfolio Manager. She joins Gateway from her previous position as Commercial Banking Portfolio Specialist at SunTrust Banks, Inc.

Theresa Catalfomo has been named Executive Assistant. She recently served as Commercial Loan Administrator in the Commercial Lending Department at Stonegate Bank.

Jane V. Countryman has taken the position of Client Service Specialist for Gateway Wealth Advisors, a subsidiary of Gateway Bank. She joins the company from her most recent position as Client Support Specialist for the Private Wealth Management Group at Sun Trust Banks.

***About Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida:*** Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida is an independent community bank serving business and personal banking customers in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Gateway Bank operates a full service banking location in the Center Pointe Professional Center at 2033 Main Street in downtown Sarasota, one block east of South Washington Boulevard. Two additional bank locations are scheduled to open during 2008. This summer the second Gateway Bank location will open at 2100 Manatee

Avenue West in downtown Bradenton. The bank will open a third location at 6204 North Lockwood Ridge Road on University Parkway this fall.

The shareholders and directors of Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida are primarily residents of Sarasota and Manatee counties. The founding Board of Directors includes: Charles J. Bartlett - Icard, Merrill, Cullis, Timm, Furen and Ginsburg, PA; Dr. Gary K. Bockhold – Center for Sight; Dr. P.T. “Bud” Fleuchaus – Gateway Financial Holdings of Florida, Inc.; David J. Grain – Grain Capital, LLC; David K. Maholias – Gateway Financial Holdings of Florida, Inc.; Shaun P. Merriman – Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida; Gavin W. Meshad – JWM Management, Inc.; Katherine K. Moulton – The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort; Wayne M. Ruben – Ruben-Holland Development, LLC; and David E. Sessions, Willis A. Smith Construction, Inc.

Further information regarding Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida may be obtained by contacting Shaun P. Merriman, President and CEO at 941/306-0105.

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