

Solera National Bank and the Latin American Educational Foundation Announce Strategic Partnership

Lakewood, CO – May 22, 2008 - Solera National Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Solera National Bancorp, Inc. (SLRK.OB), is pleased to announce a strategic partnership with the Latin American Educational Foundation (“LAEF”) whereby LAEF has moved its primary banking relationship to Solera. Solera National Bank has chosen LAEF as one of its primary beneficiaries of sponsorship funds for its fundraising efforts on behalf of Hispanic scholarship recipients.

Solera National Bank is a traditional, community commercial bank with a core-competency in servicing and understanding the culturally diverse and dynamic Hispanic market. It is excited about this relationship as it enables the bank to further its commitment to the Hispanic Community.

LAEF is the oldest non-profit organization in the state of Colorado servicing the Hispanic Community. Since 1949, LAEF has provided access to higher education for Hispanics throughout Colorado. Since its inception, LAEF has awarded more than 5,200 scholarships totaling over \$5 million and is the preeminent source in providing educational funding to Colorado’s Hispanic college students. This past year, LAEF awarded more than \$180,000 to over 140 college bound Hispanics for the 2007-2008 academic year. Jim Chavez, Executive Director for LAEF stated, “The Latin American Educational Foundation is excited and proud to partner with an organization that shares our commitment to the development of young people and believes in the values of education for Hispanics and the entire community.”

Paul M. Ferguson, Solera National Bank CEO stated, “The partnership we have developed with LAEF will allow Solera to continue to support and expand our corporate mission of promoting education initiatives in the Hispanic community.”

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