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PACIFIC PREMIER BANCORP, INC. NAMES MICHAEL LEAVITT PORTFOLIO MANAGER

COSTA MESA, CA (April 26, 2011) – Michael Leavitt, a commercial real estate lending expert, has joined Pacific Premier Bank as assistant vice president, portfolio manager, according to Pacific Premier Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: PPBI), the bank's holding company.

Leavitt will work with borrowers and key decision makers to enhance existing and future customer relationships. He will be a key member of the Bank's Credit Administration Department and is primarily responsible for handling all loan requests, evaluating client financial strength and capacity to repay outstanding debt and conducting risk management reviews.

His extensive business and commercial real estate lending experience encompasses property assessment, loan servicing, consulting, due diligence and underwriting. Before specializing in commercial lending, Leavitt became accomplished in several banking administrative roles, including that of loan officer, credit analyst, portfolio administrator, underwriter and special assets officer.

The bank's new portfolio manager may be contacted at Pacific Premier Bank's Costa Mesa headquarters where he reports to Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer Mike Carr. Leavitt's telephone number is 714-431-4000.

The Costa Mesa-based bank serves customers from nine Southern California locations, including Costa Mesa, Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Palm Desert/Country Club, Palm Springs/Smoke Tree/ Palm Springs/Tahquitz, San Bernardino and Seal Beach.

ABOUT PACIFIC PREMIER BANK:

Pacific Premier Bank is a state-chartered commercial bank headquartered in Costa Mesa, California. The bank serves businesses from nine locations throughout Southern California including its newest Desert Cities branches (formerly Canyon National Bank Branches); Palm Desert/Country Club, Palm Springs/Smoke Tree, and Palm Springs/Tahquitz. Through the individual branches and the web site Pacific Premier Bank offers a full complement of deposit

and loan products and services for commercial businesses, non-profit organizations, and consumers. Pacific Premier Bank offers its customers an alternative to the impersonal service experienced at the large regional and national banks.

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