

'RANKING ARIZONA' NAMES NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA NUMBER ONE BANK

State's Largest Business Poll Ranks National Bank of Arizona as Top Bank for the Fifth Time in Seven Years

PHOENIX (March 5, 2008) – **National Bank of Arizona** has been ranked as the Number One Bank in Arizona by "Ranking Arizona, The Best of Arizona Business."

The annual Ranking Arizona edition is produced by Arizona Business Magazine and ranks the state's top businesses by category, as voted by readers. National Bank of Arizona was voted as the state's number one bank, with \$1 billion or more in Arizona assets, under the finance and professional category. This is the fifth time since 2002 National Bank of Arizona has been named Number One Bank.

"We're honored to be recognized once again as the bank of choice in Arizona," **National Bank of Arizona President and CEO Keith Maio** said. "This achievement is a testament to our success in delivering truly exceptional service to our customers."

Maio added that National Bank of Arizona was recognized for its differentiation and leadership in the banking industry with several key business awards in 2007.

"Last year, we received four prestigious awards for Excellence in Customer Satisfaction from the trusted financial consulting and research firm, Greenwich Associates," he said. "These awards confirm our bank's position of financial security and service leadership in Arizona."

About National Bank of Arizona

Founded in Tucson, Ariz., in 1984, National Bank of Arizona is a community bank specializing in real estate, serving professionals and meeting the needs of small and mid-sized Arizona businesses. Arizona's fourth-largest bank with nearly \$6 billion in assets, National Bank has 76 offices throughout the state. For more information, visit www.nbarizona.com.