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## 44 BUSINESS CAPITAL ANNOUNCES NEW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE SBA LOAN PROGRAM — DENVER COLORADO TERRITORY

Englewood, CO - 44 Business Capital, a Division of Berkshire Bank announces the hiring of Daniel O'Meara of Parker, Colorado, as First Vice President, SBA Lending for the Denver market. O'Meara has over 21 years of experience originating SBA loans for owners of small and mid-sized businesses in Colorado and nationwide. As an established and recognized professional in the area, O'Meara has most recently served as Vice President, Business Development Officer for Northeast Bank SBA, Denver, CO.

O'Meara is an avid skier and was 1990 National Nordic Combined Champion, U.S. Ski Team Nordic Combined (from 1984 – 1991), and a member of the 1989 World Championship Team. After retiring from competitive skiing, O'Meara attended college at the University of Colorado, graduating with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Biology and a Minor in German. A resident of the Denver metro area since 1991, O'Meara has been an active member of the Kiwanis club, Denver Tech Center for over 19 years serving twice as Chapter President. With its mission – Serving the Children of the World, O'Meara has made several service trips to Guatemala for ministry, school and home construction projects.

"As a division of Berkshire Bank, 44 Business Capital will continue to add experienced lenders to build out an exceptional SBA lending team that will serve the SBA's mission on a larger scale," stated Greg Poehlmann, Senior Vice President of Business Banking. "To that end, we are extremely excited to have Dan O'Meara join our experienced sales team. Dan and I worked closely together at BLX for over 7 years and I'm thrilled that we are joining forces once again. Dan embodies all the qualities we value here at 44 Business Capital: integrity, honesty, hard work and drive. We will look for Dan to establish our brand in the Denver and Rocky Mountain Region of Colorado, and to leverage his knowledge and contacts to continue scaling our business well into the future." said Poehlmann.

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## **About 44 Business Capital:**

For over 20 years, the principals of 44 Business Capital have provided financing solutions to hundreds of businesses in a variety of industries. For further information, please contact 44 Business Capital at 215.985.4400 or online at 44businesscapital.com. The main office is located at 1787 Sentry Parkway West, Suite 200 Building 16 Blue Bell, PA.

## **About Berkshire Bank:**

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