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Donald Doddridge Named President of America's Blood Centers
Florida Blood Services President and CEO begins 2-year tenure

St. Petersburg (April 3, 2007) – America's Blood Centers (ABC) announced this week Donald Doddridge, President and CEO of Florida Blood Services, has been named President of America's Blood Centers (ABC), North America's largest network of non-profit, community blood centers. Mr. Doddridge will serve as president for two years.

"Don Doddridge provides a bounty of blood center experience in a state that has been tested by more than its share of natural disasters," said ABC CEO Jim MacPherson. "He has demonstrated sound judgment and great commitment in his many past roles with ABC and other blood organizations."

As president, Mr. Doddridge will work implementing ABC's new strategic plan that stresses the need for regional, national and global alliances to help community blood centers continue to provide high-quality, but cost-effective, blood and cell therapies to patients and hospitals in need.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to represent community blood centers on a national level in helping to assure a safe and sufficient blood supply," said Mr. Doddridge.

Mr. Doddridge has more than 30 years experience in blood banking. He has held various leadership positions including past president of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) and the Florida Association of Blood Banks (FABB). Mr. Doddridge is the past Chair of the AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism, serves on the AABB President's Advisory Council, and is the past Chair of the International Council for Commonality in Blood Bank Automation. He received a bachelor's degree in science from Jacksonville University and a master's of arts degree from Central Michigan University.

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About ABC

Founded in 1962, America's Blood Centers is North America's largest network of community-based blood programs. Recognized by the U.S. Congress for its critical work in patient care and disaster preparedness and response, the federation of 77 blood centers together operates more than 600 collection sites in 45 U.S. states and Canada, providing half of the U.S., and all of the Canadian volunteer donor blood supply.

These blood centers serve an area with more than 180 million people and provide blood products and services to more than 4,200 hospitals and healthcare facilities across North America. ABC's U.S. members are licensed and regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Canadian members are regulated by Health Canada.

About Florida Blood Services

Florida Blood Services provides for the blood needs of patients at 38 hospitals in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties through the participation of volunteer blood donors. Approximately 750 donations are required daily, due to the high quality of medical care in Tampa Bay that serves the most critically ill patients throughout West Central Florida. Visit us at www.fbsblood.org.

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