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**Judy B. Smith Named President of Florida Association
of Blood Banks**

(St. Petersburg - August 1, 2007) – Florida Blood Services (FBS) is proud to announce that Judy B. Smith, Director of Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs, has been named President of Florida Association of Blood Banks (FABB), an association composed of volunteer members from the Community and Hospital Blood Banks located in the State of Florida. Judy will serve as president for one year.

"The Florida Blood Services family is extremely proud of Judy for being selected the next president of FABB." stated Don Doddridge, CEO of Florida Blood Services. "She is more than qualified to hold this position and will be a great advocate for blood banks throughout the state of Florida."

"I am honored to have this opportunity to represent community blood centers on a state level in helping to assure a safe and sufficient blood supply for Florida," said Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Smith has more than 16 years experience in blood banking. She received her bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from the University of Louisiana at Monroe and a master's degree from the University of Phoenix. She is in the process of receiving her doctorate in management and organizational leadership. She is a certified blood banking specialist by the American Society of Clinical Pathology and she also a certified Quality Manager by the American Society of Quality.

About FABB

The Florida Association of Blood Banks (FABB) was established in 1947 with the goal to further improve blood services for the entire State of Florida and to remain forever independent and self-sustaining. The association is composed of volunteer members throughout the State of Florida. FABB continues to uphold their original purpose by monitoring activity of the Florida legislature for any legislative actions that may impact the blood industry and sponsoring annual meetings that serve to inform and educate. The 62nd Florida Association of Blood Banks Annual Conference and Trade Show will be held in Orlando, Florida in June of 2008.

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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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