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Greenville Lands Healthcare Provider's Corporate Headquarters MedBridge Healthcare Facility To Oversee Company's National Operations

Greenville, SC --- MedBridge Healthcare, LLC, a leader in the field of healthcare diagnostic and therapeutic services, is relocating its national corporate headquarters to Greenville.

Company officials announced their decision Wednesday at Greenwood's Biotechnology Incubation Facility during the Mid-Year Investor Meeting of the Upstate Alliance, a 10-county organization that is responsible for aggressively marketing the Upstate to prospective industries.

The company expects to relocate its headquarters office to Greenville by year end and hire approximately 20 corporate-based employees. Several prospective locations are being evaluated by company officials. The Greenville corporate facility will oversee approximately 45 MedBridge-owned and managed facilities across the United States.

Greenville Mayor Knox White stated, "We are pleased to welcome MedBridge Healthcare to Greenville. This announcement reflects the confidence of an innovative company in the future of our dynamic city."

Local economic developers also welcomed MedBridge's announcement, recognizing the role that Greenville County's quality of life and Greenville's vibrant downtown area played as an attractor.

"MedBridge's role as a premier Health Science company will add significantly to the rapidly developing Life Science cluster in Greenville and the Upstate," said Upstate Alliance President/CEO Sam Konduros.

"We welcome MedBridge's announcement and wish them tremendous success as their corporation grows here in the Upstate."

Brent Clinkscale, Chairman of the Board for the Greenville Area Development Corporation, said, "Big city amenities without big city hassles is an important part of our approach to selling Greenville over major metro areas to Headquarter prospects. This was a key factor in Medbridge's decision to relocate its headquarters from Atlanta."

MedBridge is a privately-owned corporation, presently headquartered in Alpharetta, GA, which provides services through two operating companies – SleepWorks Inc., and MedBridge Home Medical.

SleepWorks, Inc., a wholly owned company of MedBridge, owns and operates a network of sleep diagnostic centers which provide diagnostic services and care to patients with sleep related disorders. In addition, the company conducts sleep related clinical trials and research in selected marketplaces. MedBridge Home Medical provides respiratory therapy and related services to patients in the home.

MedBridge officials said their decision to relocate the company's headquarters to Greenville was based on a variety of reasons.

"The relocation of our corporate headquarters was a strategic as well as economic decision", said Larry A. Webb, MedBridge President & CEO. "After thorough review and consideration, Greenville was chosen due to the city's centralized location within the company's overall marketplace and the strong healthcare environment in the Upstate. Of equal importance was Greenville's abundant workforce of qualified professionals and the city's overall quality of living."

MedBridge joins the more than 30 Life Science and related companies in the Upstate. As a whole, the industry employs more than 4,200 people in the 10-county Upstate region. It will also be one of more than 300 companies that have headquarter operations in the region.

Greenville County officials said MedBridge's unique services will help strengthen the Life Sciences industry in the region.

Phyllis Henderson, Chairwoman of Greenville County Council, stated, "Healthcare is a major quality of life factor as corporate executives evaluate new locations. We were pleased with Medbridge's announcement as it not only creates new Headquarters jobs, but also adds to growing cluster of healthcare services that critical to our future economic development success."

The Upstate Alliance is a public/private regional economic development organization designed to market the 10 counties in South Carolina's Upstate – Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, and Union. The 10 counties represent the commerce-rich northwestern corner of South Carolina, including the I-85 corridor and the Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson metropolitan area. Additional information is available through the Alliance's web site, www.upstatealliance.com.