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Sonora Quest Laboratories' Robert Dowd Recognized as Practitioner of the Year by the Society of Information Management

Tempe, Ariz. – The Society of Information Management, Arizona Chapter, recently announced that it has selected Robert (Bob) Dowd, CIO of Sonora Quest Laboratories & Laboratory Sciences of Arizona as Practitioner of the Year for 2007.

The IT Practitioner of the Year award is given in recognition of leadership for driving innovation and execution excellence, including company, community and staff development, through Information Technology.

"Bob's innovative leadership, execution, and results-oriented management have put our organization on the cutting edge of information technology in medicine" said David A. Dexter, President and CEO of Sonora Quest Laboratories & Laboratory Sciences of Arizona. "Because of his leadership, we are widely recognized within Arizona as a leader in the development and deployment of the universal electronic medical record," he said.

About Sonora Quest Laboratories

Sonora Quest Laboratories, a joint venture between Banner Health and Quest Diagnostics, is the nation's largest integrated laboratory system with over 2,000 employees serving more than 5.1 million patients annually throughout Arizona. It is the market share leader in clinical laboratory testing in Arizona, performing more than 60,000 diagnostic tests per day. It offers a local comprehensive test menu which encompasses routine to esoteric cytogenetic studies, including anatomic pathology and molecular biology. Ninety-eight percent of all testing is performed at the laboratory's primary testing facilities located in Tempe, Tucson, and Flagstaff.

Sonora Quest Laboratories is the first and only health care establishment to ever receive the Arizona Governor's Award for Quality, the State's highest quality award available. This recognition followed two Showcase in Excellence Awards in 2004, and the Arizona Pioneer Award for Quality in 2003. For more information about Sonora Quest Laboratories, visit www.sonoraquest.com.

About the Society of Information Management

Established in 1968, the Society for Information Management (SIM) is the premier network for IT leaders comprised of over 3,300 members including CIOs, senior IT executives, prominent academicians, consultants, and other IT leaders. SIM is a community of thought leaders who share experiences and apply rich intellectual capital, and who explore future IT direction. Through its 31 chapters, SIM provides resources and programs inspired by IT leaders for IT leaders that enable CIOs to further develop the leadership capabilities of

themselves and the key and emerging leaders in their organizations. SIM provides the collective voice to advocate policy and legislation on behalf of the IT profession across industries.

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