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Ann Elderkin Joins SmithBucklin as Executive Director of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research

CHICAGO – April 17, 2006 – SmithBucklin, the world’s largest association management company, announced today that Ann L. Elderkin has joined the company as Executive Director of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR). In her new role, Elderkin will work out of SmithBucklin’s Washington, DC office to manage all aspects of ASBMR’s operations, lead the SmithBucklin team and assume responsibility for meeting the strategic goals determined by ASBMR’s leadership. Founded in 1977, ASBMR is a professional, scientific and medical society established to bring together clinical and experimental scientists involved in the study of bone and mineral metabolism.

Elderkin has more than 25 years of experience in leadership positions, directing health care policy development, managing public health administrations and providing medical services as a physician assistant. Prior to joining SmithBucklin, Elderkin worked at Health Systems Research, Inc., where, under a contract with the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States, she served as project director and managing editor of *Bone Health and Osteoporosis: A Report of the Surgeon General*, released in October 2004.

“Ann is a strong leader with an outstanding reputation for making a difference in the health care industry,” said Michael S. Olson, SmithBucklin’s executive vice president. “Ann’s expertise and knowledge will benefit ASBMR, as well as other clients in SmithBucklin’s Health Care Industry Practice.”

Elderkin served in the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States from 2000 to 2002 under a fellowship funded by the foundation of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA). From 1986 to 2000, she served on the AAPA board of directors. During that period, Elderkin also served as president of the Physician Assistant Foundation. In that role, she honed her skills in fundraising and development of community-based grants and scholarship programs. From 1990 to 2000, she was director of the City of Somerville (Mass.) Health Department and also served as director of the City of Portland (Maine) Public Health Division.

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Elderkin has received many awards for her work, including: the Surgeon General Exemplary Service Award in 2002; the American Medical Association Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Career Public Servant at the Local Level in 1995; the American Cancer Society Making a Difference Award for Outstanding Community Service in 1995; the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Partners in Prevention Award in 1995; and the American Cancer Society Award for Extraordinary Effort and Results, recognizing leadership in tobacco-control regulations in 1992.

Elderkin received a bachelor's degree in human services from the University of Massachusetts and a Physician Associate Certificate from Yale University School of Medicine.

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