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BEST DOCTORS MEDICAL EXPERTISE TO HELP 85,000 TEACHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN CALIFORNIA

February 13, 2006 — Boston — To improve healthcare for teachers and other education employees in California, Best Doctors Inc. has joined forces with Southern California Schools Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA). As the latest group to add the groundbreaking Best Doctors benefit, VEBA now makes it possible for its members to tap into the world's most advanced medical expertise when faced with a serious illness.

The Best Doctors service is included as part of the benefits plan to VEBA members and their eligible dependents. They simply call Best Doctors if they are diagnosed with a serious medical condition. Best Doctors helps the member answer their most pressing questions—is my diagnosis correct? Am I getting the right treatment? In this way, Best Doctors is able to improve the quality of care and provide its members with the piece of mind that comes with knowing their doctors are doing the right thing.

"Best Doctors looks forward to serving VEBA members," says David Seligman, chief executive of Best Doctors Inc. "We are proud to be their partners in helping make sure that every VEBA member gets the right care, the first time."

About Best Doctors[®], Inc.

Best Doctors, Inc. is the world leader in connecting people with the best medical care. Best Doctors services help dramatically improve quality of care by bringing the clinical knowledge of the world's top specialists to the problems of people with serious medical conditions. By making sure individuals get the right diagnosis and treatment the first time, Best Doctors reduces complications and avoids ineffective treatments—and as a result eliminates unnecessary spending. Founded in 1989 by doctors affiliated with Harvard Medical School to provide doctor-

to-doctor consultations for complicated cases, Best Doctors has grown into an international company providing services to 10 million people in 30 countries.

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About the Southern California Schools Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA)

The Southern California Schools VEBA began operations in October 1993 as a cooperative labor-management trust program committed to achieving the highest quality and most cost-effective benefits programs for all education employees. Through the unity of design, purchase and administration, trust participants have control over quality of care and cost. With labor and management joining forces, the trust has more negotiating power with providers than small, individual districts could ever attain. The Southern California Schools VEBA dominates the regional areas in which it operates. Total participation in the trust includes 26 districts, one association, and a county office of education. The trust serves 38,000 employees and 47,000 dependents, for a total participation of 85,000 members.

For more information please visit www.vebaonline.com

About McGregor Van De Moere, Inc. (MVI)

Acting as the administrator for the VEBA Trust, MVI is an innovative leader in administrative and financial services for employer health plans. Since the firm's inception in 1990, the company has developed creative systems and solutions to assist clients with both the basic and complex administrative requirements of providing health care benefits for public-sector trust funds, charitable organizations, union and nonunion construction trusts, and prepaid self-directed plans.

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