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SEBIO Elects New Board of Directors and Officers for 2006-2007 Board Sets Direction for Upcoming Year

Charlottesville, VA November 20, 2006 – Southeast BIO (SEBIO) has elected its new 2006-2007 Board of Directors to lead the organization through its next year of operations.

Rebecca Kaufman, with King & Spalding LLP in Atlanta, will serve as SEBIO's Chair for 2006-2007. In that role, Kaufman succeeds William Brooke, Managing Partner with Harbert Venture Partners.

“SEBIO is entering a phase of real growth as an organization, and I'm excited to oversee that as the incoming Chair,” Kaufman said. “SEBIO has always been about supporting the growth of the life sciences industry in the Southeast. With the launch of several new initiatives this year, SEBIO will heighten national recognition of the Southeast as a center for the life sciences industry.”

SEBIO's 2006-2007 Executive Committee includes as officers Kaufman (Chair), Kilpatrick Stockton's Philip Street (Vice-Chair), Ernst & Young's Jim Bongiorno (Treasurer), and Tall Oaks Capital's Kathryn Carr (Secretary). Other members of the Executive Committee include Thomas Amick (Aldagen, Inc.), William Brooke (Harbert Venture Partners), Tom Callaway (Georgia Venture Partners), Charlie Craig (Georgia Biomedical Partnership), David Day (University of Florida), Ed Ergenzinger (Alston & Bird), Garheng Kong (Intersouth Partners), Todd Sherer (Emory University), and Geeta Vemuri (Quaker BioVentures).

Other new members of SEBIO's Board of Directors include:

- Greg Anglum, Grant Thornton
- Jim Bongiorno, Ernst & Young
- Todd Brady, Domain Associates
- Ed Ergenzinger, Alston & Bird
- Pavan Handa, Noven
- Russell Medford, AtheroGenics
- David Perryman, Needle & Rosenberg
- Chris Shen, New Enterprise Associates
- Susan Shows, Georgia Research Alliance
- Ken Tindall, North Carolina Biotechnology Center

- Eric Tomlinson, Altea Therapeutics, Inc.
- Max Wallace, The Arbor Group
- Sue Washer, AGTC, Inc.
- Ford Worthy, Pappas Ventures

The complete list of SEBIO's 2006-2007 board of directors (including new members and returning members) is available online at http://www.sebio.org/board_of_directors.aspx.

About Southeast BIO

Southeast BIO (SEBIO) is a regional nonprofit organization that fosters the growth of the life sciences industry in the Southeastern U.S. through efforts that promote entrepreneurship and bring together companies, investors, universities, and support organizations active in the development of the industry. Today, the Southeast is recognized as one of the fastest growing life sciences regions in the U.S. and home to more than 220 life sciences companies. A public/private partnership formed in 1999, SEBIO is committed to conducting activities that create regional leverage and facilitate the common interests and goals of constituents in the life sciences industry. The geographic footprint of SEBIO presently includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. For more information on SEBIO, go to www.sebio.org.

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