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The American Association of Eye & Ear Centers of Excellence Announces Benchmarking Program for Membership

Arlington, VA (January 5, 2010) – The American Association of Eye & Ear Centers of Excellence (AAEECE) has announced the kick-off of a three-year initiative to create a web-based benchmarking reporting system for its membership. This initiative is one of the key new programs identified by the membership during its 2009 strategic planning exercise.

The AAEECE has created a Benchmarking Working Group composed of doctors, nurses, IT professionals, and administrators to guide the process. Dirk DeKorne of the Rotterdam Eye Hospital, an AAEECE member in Rotterdam, the Netherlands serves as Chair of this working group.

In addition, the AAEECE has announced that it has selected, SaberTech Systems, Inc. and Benchmark HealthCare Corp., in Boston, Massachusetts to be the consultants to the Association for this project. AAEECE President, Robert Betz, PhD said “SaberTech Systems, Inc. and Benchmark HealthCare Corp. have substantial expertise in building an operating web-based health care association benchmark programs. These two companies will build and design a unique benchmarking program that we fully expect will increase patient care at our member institutions but also improve their financial performance as they learn about the creativity and economies of other similar institutions. We are delighted to have SaberTech Systems, Inc. and Benchmark HealthCare Corp.s’ expertise as we move forward with this important new member service.” Betz further stated “At the end of our three year development initiative, the AAEECE will have the premier benchmarking reporting system for operational and quality outcomes measurements in ophthalmology and otolaryngology”

The first benchmarking reports are anticipated to be available to the participating AAEECE members at the end of March 2010.

The American Association of Eye and Ear Centers of Excellence is comprised of the premier centers for specialized eye and ear procedures in the world. Association members are major referral centers, offer some of the most innovative teaching programs in the world, and routinely treat the most severely ill eye and ear patients. The mission of these specialty institutions requires them to maintain leading edge technologies, enabling them to provide highly specialized services not available in general acute care hospitals. For more information about the AAEECE, please see www.aaeece.org.