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EBSCO Publishing and ABC-CLIO Reach Historic Agreement

~ EBSCO Acquires Two Renowned Databases from ABC-CLIO:

Historical Abstracts and *America: History and Life* ~

IPSWICH, MA/SANTA BARBARA, CA — June 15, 2007 — ABC-CLIO and EBSCO Publishing today announced a new alliance that will benefit history scholars, teachers, and students around the world. This move marks an unprecedented partnership between EBSCO, the leading online research database provider, and ABC-CLIO, the leading provider of history resources. As part of the undertaking, EBSCO has acquired two of ABC-CLIO's renowned databases: *Historical Abstracts (HA)* and *America: History and Life (AHL)*, and will distribute eight additional award-winning history databases in addition to ABC-CLIO's online history eBook collection, *History Reference Online*.

The partnership leverages ABC-CLIO's expertise in the area of history with EBSCO's significant content licensing, digitization, and distribution capabilities. Ron Boehm, CEO of ABC-CLIO, said the following about the sale of *HA* and *AHL*: "Scholars around the world will benefit from the combined full text from EBSCO and over fifty years of history indexing and abstracting expertise from ABC-CLIO. With this partnership, over 1.3 million citations and abstracts, over 600,000 full-text links, and hundreds of thousands of full-text journal articles will be at the fingertips of researchers around the world." ABC-CLIO editorial staff will continue producing content for the databases and *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History and Life* will be made available via EBSCOhost®. Said Boehm, "Our editorial teams look forward to working with EBSCO staff to provide more value than ever to our users over the coming years."

As announced previously, EBSCO and ABC-CLIO also reached agreement on a new distribution partnership that makes the following ABC-CLIO databases available through EBSCO Publishing:

- *World History: The Modern Era*—winner of 7 "best of" awards
- *World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras*—winner of 5 "best of" awards
- *World Geography: Understanding a Changing World*—winner of 6 "best of" awards
- *American History*—winner of 9 "best of" awards
- *American Government*—winner of 9 "best of" awards
- *State Geography*—winner of 5 "best of" awards
- *Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society*—newly released award winner
- *United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*—winner of 4 "best of" awards
- *History Reference Online*—a newly released collection of reference eBooks

Becky Snyder, president of ABC-CLIO, said: "We're committed to being the best provider in the area of history, employing our expertise and our work with scholars

and educators to produce resources that go beyond facts and figures to challenge students to think critically about our world. Partnering with EBSCO to distribute these resources will allow us to reach even more schools and libraries with these award-winning databases.”

With this new partnership, libraries will be able to enjoy the convenience of working with their EBSCO representatives to consolidate orders for ABC-CLIO databases with orders for EBSCOhost® databases. The databases will continue to be accessed via ABC-CLIO platforms, so customers will experience the same renowned content through familiar interfaces with the added benefit of combined ordering through the EBSCO sales team.

Tim Collins, president of EBSCO Publishing, said: “We are extremely excited about this partnership. Our relationship with ABC-CLIO will enable expanded access to some truly remarkable resources. As always, we remain committed to adding value for librarians and researchers in the research process.” Collins continued: “As a company that remains committed to growth, and one of the largest licensors and digitizers of content in the world, we are delighted and honored to be able to work with ABC CLIO to enhance and expand history resources for teachers, students, and scholars.”

Press Meeting to be Held at ALA Conference in Washington, D.C.

Please join Tim Collins and Ron Boehm for an informal Q&A session for the press on the ABC-CLIO/EBSCO partnership on Saturday June 23, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, Board Room B.

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About ABC-CLIO

Founded in 1955, ABC-CLIO is an award-winning history publisher of educational and reference products. Committed to serving the history profession, history teachers, and students and scholars of history, ABC-CLIO publishes a complete line of award-winning databases, books, and eBooks. The ABC-CLIO Schools division publishes a line of social studies reference and curriculum resources for middle and high school libraries and classrooms, garnering over 45 education awards to date. ABC-CLIO also has a large eBook program with all reference book titles published in both print and electronic formats. The company’s corporate headquarters is in Santa Barbara, CA, with offices in Denver, CO, and Oxford, England. For more information, visit the ABC-CLIO website at: www.abc-clio.com.

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