Andy Bonanno Receives the Association of Food & Drug Officials (AFDO) Associate Member Award

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Indianapolis, IN – July 8, 2015 - Andy Bonanno, Abbott Laboratories, was awarded the Associate Member Award on June 23, 2015 at the 119th AFDO Annual Educational Conference.

The Associate Member Award is to be awarded to an Associate Member. Qualification for this award is based upon long-term active membership in the Association, active involvement in committee work, development of model codes and demonstrated promotion of the objectives of the Association. This award is presented each year at the Annual Educational Conference.

Andrew Bonanno, recently retired as healthcare executive whose career spanned over 40 years, including 34 years at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and 7 years at Abbott Laboratories.

Mr. Bonanno was the Divisional Vice President of Quality and Regulatory Compliance at Abbott Laboratories which included assuring that the global healthcare giant remained compliant in its global manufacturing operations.

Within his tenure with FDA, Mr. Bonanno was the Deputy and Acting Regional Director for FDA's Central Region, where he was responsible for FDA's compliance and regulatory operations in a 15 state area.

He is the recipient of the FDA Award of Merit, the FDA Career Service Award, and he was recently awarded the FDA Distinguished Alumni Award for his continued support of the agency following his retirement in 2008. Mr. Bonanno is currently the Vice President of the FDA Alumni Association. Mr. Bonanno resides in Chicago with his wife Vicky.

About the Association of Food and Drug Officials:
AFDO is an international, non-profit organization that is in the forefront of streamlining and simplifying regulations by either drafting regulatory rules or by commenting on government proposals. By developing a broad base of support for new approaches, AFDO has become a recognized voice in determining the rules and shape of the regulatory playing field of the future. The consensus that AFDO develops is key to advancing uniform laws, regulations, and guidelines that result in more efficient regulation and less confusion among industry in the marketplace. AFDO develops support for its positions by interfacing with high-level regulatory officials, industry representatives, trade associations, and consumer organizations. This continues to have a significant impact on regulations at the federal, state and local level.