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**Mississippi Headwaters Area Dental Health Center Receives
\$50,000 Grant from Delta Dental of Minnesota**
Dental Clinic Hopes to Fill Health Gap in Community

July 19, 2007 (EAGAN, Minn.) – Delta Dental of Minnesota recently announced its \$50,000 grant to the Mississippi Headwaters Area Dental Health Center in Bemidji, Minn. The clinic will address the severe shortage of dental care in the Bemidji-Beltrami County area and is close to reaching their goal of opening in January 2008.

“Finding dental care for low income families is a challenge; therefore, it’s been exciting to watch the growing community support for this clinic,” said Ann Johnson, director of community affairs for Delta Dental of Minnesota. “We are pleased to provide a \$50,000 grant to the Mississippi Headwaters Area Dental Health Center to help establish the clinic, filling a important health gap in this community. Without its services, there would be a lot of people who would have to travel long distances to get dental care.”

“We’re really pleased to receive such a substantial investment by Delta Dental,” said Headwaters Area Dental Health Center president, John Lueth, DDS. “It’s a demonstration of our shared commitment to meet the critical need for disadvantaged people to receive the dental care they need.”

“We are thrilled that Delta Dental of Minnesota was one of the first organizations to step forward with a significant contribution toward improving oral health initiatives where there is a longstanding need for a dental clinic to serve to the community,” said Mary Marchel, public health director of Beltrami County. “This effort demonstrates the power of public-private partnerships and we hope that this encourages others to donate, helping make this clinic a reality.”

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About Delta Dental of Minnesota

In 2006 Delta Dental of Minnesota contributed approximately \$700,000 in grant and donations to support a range of programs addressing oral health and community needs. An innovator in oral health benefit plans, Delta Dental of Minnesota is an independently operated, nonprofit health services company that administers self-insured and prepaid dental service plans. Delta Dental serves more than 8,300 employer groups with more than 3.2 million members in Minnesota and across the nation. Delta Dental of Minnesota is headquartered in Eagan, and has a customer service center on Minnesota's Iron Range. Since 1969, our mission has been to serve Minnesotans' oral health needs by providing affordable and accessible dental benefit plans that help maintain and improve oral health. For more information about Delta Dental of Minnesota, visit www.deltadentalmn.org.

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