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Access CardioSystems Contributes Automated Defibrillators to Boston Marathon

Concord, Massachusetts, April 13, 2004 - **Access CardioSystems**, innovator of the *AccessALS*, *AccessAED* and *AccessAED PAD* automated external defibrillators (AEDs), will be placing defibrillators along the famed Boston Marathon course. In conjunction with the Boston Athletic Association, *AccessAEDs* will be placed at each of the 26 aid stations. These potentially life saving devices will be available should any of the over 20,000 runners or thousands of spectators require life saving therapy due to Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

About the Product

This compact, mobile and easy to use system has led to rapid acceptance among public access and first responder markets. The *AccessALS*, *AccessAED* and *AccessAED PAD* deliver clinically advanced therapy in the most compact and portable, full-energy AED available today. By utilizing a proprietary biphasic waveform with escalating energy, these AEDs deliver clinical safety and efficacy with current controlled through true impedance compensation. Weighing only 2.8 pounds, the **Access CardioSystems** AEDs offer superior portability and uncompromising performance wherever and whenever there are lives to save. Additionally, **Access CardioSystems** supports its products with the medical direction, training and placement guidance needed to implement an AED program within an organization or community.

The *AccessALS*, *AccessAED* and *AccessAED PAD* were developed to address the estimated 225,000 annual deaths¹ due to Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in the United States. Many of these deaths may be prevented if defibrillation is administered within 3 to 5 minutes of SCA.

About the Company

Access CardioSystems is a privately held medical device company committed to enabling *universal access to defibrillation* through innovating, manufacturing and distributing AEDs globally. The company is headquartered in Concord, Massachusetts. Additional information about **Access CardioSystems** and its products can be found on the company's web site at www.accesscardiosystems.com or by calling (866) 238-3631.

¹ National Center for Early Defibrillation, 2004