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The Collins Foundation Announces Staff Transitions

The Collins Foundation has announced that Jerry E. Hudson, executive vice president of the foundation, will retire in April 2007. Mr. Hudson will become a trustee of the foundation upon his retirement as executive vice president. The foundation's director of programs, Cynthia G. Addams, has been appointed to the position of executive vice president effective April 2007. The search for a new director of programs will begin immediately.

Mr. Hudson joined The Collins Foundation in 1997 after a long career in higher education, including seventeen years as president of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. He is the foundation's third executive vice president since its formation in 1947. In addition to his work with The Collins Foundation, Mr. Hudson serves as a founding trustee of Foundations for a Better Oregon (FBO), the organization responsible for the Chalkboard Project. The Chalkboard Project is dedicated to addressing improvements in K-12 public education. He will continue to represent The Collins Foundation on the FBO board.

Ms. Addams joined The Collins Foundation in 1998 and is the foundation's first director of programs. She has a background in arts administration and nonprofit management, including nine years as executive director of the Salem Art Association and four years as director of foundation relations and assistant to the president at Willamette University. In addition to her work with The Collins Foundation, Ms. Addams serves as chair of the Oregon Arts Commission, a state agency providing grants and leadership to the arts in Oregon.

The Collins Foundation, an independent private foundation, was created by Truman W. Collins and other members of the family of E. S. Collins. It exists to give greater expression to humanitarian endeavors in the state of Oregon and to assist in improving the quality of life for Oregonians. The foundation contributes approximately \$8 million annually to community efforts focused on arts and humanities, social services, education, health and science, religion, and the environment.

"Jerry Hudson has been a tremendous asset to our foundation and has seen it through a period of significant change," said Truman W. Collins, Jr., president of The Collins Foundation. "We are fortunate to be able to retain his experience and insight in his new role as a trustee. Cynthia Addams is exceptionally qualified for the position of executive vice president, and I am looking forward to working with her in the future."