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**DR. JACK TERRY NAMED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY**

CHARLOTTE, NC – February 27, 2015 – The National Board of Examiners of Optometry (NBEO) announced today it has signed a contract with Jack E. Terry, O.D., Ph.D., to continue leading the organization and has named him Chief Executive Officer.

NBEO Board President Dr. Melvin D. Shipp, O.D., said the extension of Dr. Terry's contract and the new title reflects the board's strong confidence in his demonstrated leadership to serve the public and profession by his commitment to developing, administering, and scoring valid and reliable examinations that serve the needs of the jurisdictional boards.

Dr. Terry joined the NBEO in 2005 as Executive Director. Prior to that, he was Chief of both Optometry and Research Services at the Huntington, West Virginia, Department of Veterans Administration Medical Center and Director of the Marshall University Office of Research Integrity. He was also an Associate Professor of Pharmacology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University.

Dr. Terry had extensive involvement with the licensing of optometrists before joining NBEO. He served as a Director and Chairman of the Data and Information Committee of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) as well as President of the West Virginia Board of Optometry. He had been involved in the development of national board examinations for more than two decades as a member of several committees and as Chairman of the Examination Council.

The National Board of Examiners in Optometry is the independent, non-profit testing organization for the profession of optometry. Our primary purpose is to develop, administer, score and report the results of entry-level examinations designed to assess the competence of both student and graduate candidates to the 54 optometric licensing boards. In addition, NBEO has developed and administers a Specialty-level examination, ACMO, (Advanced Competence in Medical Optometry) as well as a Practice-level, continually updated knowledge, CPDO (Continued Professional Development in Optometry) examination.