

**Zimmer increases support to OMeGA Medical Grants Association**  
***\$2.175 million committed to support graduate medical education in 2010***

(ROSEMONT, IL) March 1, 2010— OMeGA Medical Grants Association announced that Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE and SIX: ZMH) will provide OMeGA \$2.175 million in funding for the 2010-2011 academic year. Zimmer is the founding supporter of OMeGA, committing \$2 million in funding for educational grants for the 2009-2010 academic year.

“OMeGA’s processes have been created to be completely independent and free from conflicts of interest,” said C. McCollister Evarts, MD, President of OMeGA Medical Grants Association. “We thank Zimmer for their vision to support OMeGA and for their increasing encouragement. OMeGA’s first cycle was an unqualified success and we look forward to an even more successful grant cycle for 2010-11.”

The OMeGA online grants application system is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 academic year through March 24, 2010, at 5 pm CST. Grants are available for fellowships in nine sub-specialty categories as well as residency/general education. All orthopaedic allopathic and osteopathic programs in the Americas may apply.

Grant recipients and allocations are determined by the OMeGA board and review committees composed of sub-specialty experts. These surgeons evaluate education programs based on objective criteria that include, among others, goals and objectives of the program, program accreditation status, ratio of faculty to fellows, quality of resources and facilities and recent published papers by fellows.

**About OMeGA Medical Grants Association**

OMeGA Medical Grants Association is an independent, not-for-profit organization established in 2008. OMeGA awards and manages grants for orthopaedic graduate medical education through a consistent, accessible process designed to safeguard against potential conflicts of interest and ensure transparency in the allocation of resources. Visit [www.omegamedicalgrants.org](http://www.omegamedicalgrants.org) for more information.

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