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## **Grey House Publishing Celebrates its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary with Announcements of Two Acquisitions, an Important New Product and the Creation of a New Imprint**

Grey House Publishing will be celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of its first title, *The Directory of Mail Order Catalogs*, at this year's American Library Association meeting in Chicago. With close to fifty directories and reference books, Grey House has become one of the largest independent publishers in its field and one of the few still managed by its founders.

With one of the fastest growth records in publishing, Grey House continues to take on new challenges, both through acquisitions of products and product lines as well as the internal development of exciting new directory and reference products.

The company announces two acquisitions today. *THE BIOMETRIC INFORMATION DIRECTORY*, formerly published by *Biometric Digest* and William Rogers and Associates, has been acquired by Grey House. This is the most comprehensive resource, in both print and online form, of the companies and products making up one of the fastest growing industries in today's economy. Finger, Voice, Face, Hand, Signature, Iris, Vein and Palm identification systems and manufacturers are all included in this important work. This new Grey House product will join a family of security titles including *The Grey House Safety and Security Directory*, *The Grey House Transportation Security Directory* and *The Grey House Homeland Security Directory*. Grey House's first edition of the *Biometric Information Directory* will be published in the third quarter of this year.

The company also announces the acquisition of nine reference titles from ABC-CLIO. These positively reviewed general reference titles published in the mid to late '90's have been well received in high school, public and college libraries. Among them is the award winning *Encyclopedia of Rural America; The Encyclopedia of Prisoners of*

*War and Internment*; and *The Religious Right: A Reference Handbook*. Grey House will begin publishing its first editions of these titles in early 2006.

Also this month, Grey House publishes the first edition of the *COMPARATIVE GUIDE TO AMERICAN HOSPITALS*. This first of its kind reference work reports on how 4,200 hospitals measure up when caring for patients with heart attacks, heart failure, and pneumonia. It is based on a Federal study (Hospital Compare), which analyzed 17 recognized quality measures. Overlaid onto this study is Grey House's proprietary data on hospital contact information, and minimally, five key medical contacts who represent the facilities' top administration as well as the physicians responsible for Pulmonary Therapy, Cardiology and the Emergency Room.

Finally, Grey House is pleased to announce the creation of a new imprint, MACKENZIE & HARRIS, whose charter will be to publish, in both print and electronic forms, general reference titles for the library market. New editions of the ABC-CLIO titles will be published under this imprint and will be joined by new titles and editions of Grey House's *Working Americans* and *Nations of the World* series.