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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION AND THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL BANKERS ASSOCIATION
LAUNCH ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

- Banking institutions in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean can obtain certification through online testing-

Miami, Feb. 13, 2007 - Florida International University's (FIU) College of Business Administration today announced its partnership with the Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA), one of the world's leading authorities on mitigating banking risks and recognized by regulators and law enforcement agencies for its knowledge and expertise in anti-money laundering (AML) compliance. Within the next 90 days, the College will introduce the FIU/FIBA Senior Compliance Officer Certification Program, which will allow members of the financial services industry in the U.S., Latin America the Caribbean to enroll in anti-money laundering (AML) compliance training and become certified in such practices. Florida International University is the first accredited university in the United States that is validating an anti-money laundering compliance certificate.

This spring, classes will be offered at the College of Business Administration's downtown campus, with plans to make virtual classes available within the next 120 days to members of those institutions based in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean, who wish to participate and become certified by the College and FIBA. The announcement was made today by Executive Dean of the College of Business Administration and Vice Provost, FIU Online Joyce J. Elam, at FIBA's Annual AML Compliance Conference in Miami, Florida.

"FIBA is one of the leading organizations in the financial arena offering recognized training programs that bring institutions closer to the high standards regulators impose on banks in the United States," Elam said. "It is a natural fit for us to partner with such a reputable group to continue enhancing our offerings and grow partnerships with the financial community in other U.S. cities and abroad."

FIBA will provide the instructor and course materials, while the College will provide the location. Both parties will work together on the logistics of online testing for participants and the certification of those who fulfill all the requirements.

"It is critical for the financial institutions to have the knowledge and resources to help in combating money laundering and terrorist financing", said Simon E. Amich, president of FIBA. "Through our prestigious partnership with the College of Business Administration, this program will give these institutions the necessary tools to protect their business and be in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations against money laundering."

About Florida International University College of Business Administration

Florida International University's College of Business Administration, South Florida's leading business school with unique expertise in international business, entrepreneurship, and a broad range of financial services,, is the largest of the University's professional schools. Among the College's more than 25,000 alumni are some of South Florida's most successful business leaders and entrepreneurs. Approximately 6000 students are enrolled in undergraduate business courses in its R. Kirk Landon Undergraduate School of Business and more than 1,000 graduate students study in its Alvah H. Chapman, Jr, Graduate School of Business every year. Another 1,000 participate annually in one or more of its professional and executive education programs.

For additional information about the College, its Landon Undergraduate School of Business, and its Chapman Graduate School of Business, please visit the College's Web site at <http://business.fiu.edu>

About FIBA

The Florida International Bankers Association (FIBA), Inc., is a 27 year old trade association, founded in 1979. Its membership includes more than 70 financial institutions from 18 countries, across 4 continents. Members include 6 of the 10 largest financial institutions in the world, along with the largest banks from Europe, the US and Latin America. The primary business focus of FIBA members is Latin America, including international correspondent banking - bank to bank relationships with their counterparts in Latin America - which helps facilitate North-South trade flows, and international wealth management/private banking services for non-residents, including estate and succession planning.

FIBA has long been recognized by regulators and law enforcement for its knowledge and expertise in anti money laundering (AML) compliance and its excellent training programs. FIBA has offered training on AML for more than two decades.

As a leading trade organization focused on international banking and finance, FIBA frequently meets with regulators in Washington, submits comment letters and position papers, and is a respected voice in the industry.

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