



## **dj Orthopedics Signs Five-Year Contract With Department of Veterans Affairs**

SAN DIEGO, Jan 16, 2002 (BW HealthWire) -- dj Orthopedics Inc. (NYSE:DJO), a designer, manufacturer and marketer of products and services for the orthopedic sports medicine market, today announced the signing of a five-year Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Under the agreement, which began Jan. 1, 2002, dj Orthopedics will sell its entire line of DonJoy® brand products and the PainBuster® Pain Management System at a contracted price to the VA's nationwide system of hospitals, clinics and other operations. dj Orthopedics' previous contract expired Dec. 31, 2001.

"We are pleased to play a role in meeting the needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs' patients and supporting the VA's mission to serve the veterans who have served our country," said Les Cross, dj Orthopedics' president and CEO. "dj Orthopedics has had a longstanding relationship with the VA as they awarded the Company its first contract 14 years ago. We look forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come."

### About Department of Veterans Affairs and National Acquisition Center

The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs is to serve more than 27 million veterans who have so unselfishly served their country. The VA operates a nationwide system of hospitals, clinics, Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN), data processing centers and National Cemeteries, which require a broad spectrum of goods and services. The National Acquisition Center (NAC) in Hines, Ill., handles the largest combined contracting activity within the VA. The NAC is responsible for supporting the healthcare delivery systems of the VA and other government agencies by providing and validating a centralized acquisition program for healthcare products in a cost-effective manner as well as for certain commodities under the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Program. The NAC is responsible for contract awards exceeding \$1.5 billion annually.

### About dj Orthopedics Inc.

dj Orthopedics Inc. is a global orthopedic sports medicine company specializing in the design, manufacture and marketing of surgical and non-surgical products and services that repair, regenerate and rehabilitate soft tissue and bone, help protect against injury, and treat osteoarthritis of the knee. Its broad range of more than 600 products, many of which are based on proprietary technologies, includes rigid knee braces, soft goods, specialty and other complementary orthopedic products, and its recently introduced line of surgical products. These products provide solutions for patients and orthopedic sports medicine professionals throughout the patient's continuum of care.

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