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IOWA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE PRESENTATION

Action Requested: Receive the presentation.

Executive Summary: In February 1994, Governor Terry E. Branstad established the Iowa Commission for National and Community Service by Executive Order 48 “to assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in Iowa, as well as serve as the state’s liaison to national and state organizations which support the Commission’s mission.” In 1998, Executive Order 64 changed the agency’s name to “Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service.” In 2005, Governor Thomas J. Vilsack signed House File 478 that established the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service (ICVS) as a state agency “to serve as an administrative vehicle which conforms with federal guidelines detailed in the federal National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.” This legislation also charged the ICVS with administering the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and enabled the commission to receive state, federal, and private funds and in-kind services.

ICVS Executive Director Adam Lounsbury will make a brief presentation which will include the following:

- ◆ Summary of the new Serve America Act; President Obama’s and Governor Culver’s Call to Service Campaign and its impact on Iowa.
- ◆ Status of service, especially college service, in Iowa.
- ◆ Why college service is a priority for Iowa.
- ◆ What the Regent institutions are doing to build an ethic of service in Iowa.
- ◆ What other Iowa colleges are doing.

Mr. Lounsbury was appointed executive director in April 2003 by Governor Thomas Vilsack. He is a graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is on the Board of the American Association of State Service Commissions where he serves as Chair of the Public Policy Committee helping to craft much of the new Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Mr. Lounsbury began his career in national service as a corps member with the Iowa Conservation Corps rebuilding Iowa parks after the 1993 floods.