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BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA

GRAND OPENING FOR NORTHWEST IOWA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP

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(URBANDALE, Iowa) – The Board of Regents announces the creation of the Northwest Iowa Educational Services Partnership between Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City, Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, and Iowa's public universities. The purpose of the partnership is to expand the opportunities available to students in northwest Iowa to complete a four-year college degree.

The Board will celebrate this new partnership with a grand opening ceremony on Friday, December 5, at 12:00 p.m., at the Northwest Iowa Regents Resource Center on the campus of Western Iowa Tech Community College, 4647 Stone Avenue, Sioux City. Local state legislators, community leaders and institutional representatives are expected to attend the ceremony, including:

- Western Iowa Tech Community College President Terry Murrell;
- Northwest Iowa Community College President Alethea Stubbe;
- Board of Regents Executive Director Bob Donley;
- University of Iowa President Sally Mason;
- Iowa State University Professor Ralph Napolitano;
- University of Northern Iowa Interim Provost Mike Licari;
- University of Iowa Student Donna Macek; and
- Western Iowa Tech Community College Board President Robert Rasmus.

The Northwest Iowa Educational Services Partnership was developed to expand the distance education opportunities of Iowa's public universities in accordance with the Board's Strategic Plan. Additional information on the Partnership is available on the Board of Regents web site, www.regents.iowa.gov.

The Board of Regents is a group of nine citizen volunteers who govern the state's three public universities and two special K-12 schools – the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.