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Board of Regents Announces Staffing Changes

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(Urbandale, Iowa) – Executive Director Robert Donley announced today that Ann McCarthy, the Board of Regents state relations officer assigned to Iowa State University, will assume a new role for the Board of Regents effective November 19, 2012. In her new duties, McCarthy will focus on the coordination of economic development policy for the Board.

"The Board is devoting more time and attention to the state's economic development issues and helping Iowans better understand the role and contributions of our three public universities," said Donley. "Ann will play a key role in this effort."

Joe Murphy, director of public affairs for the Summit Group, has been named state relations officer for Iowa State University. Murphy has been with Ames-based Summit Group for more than one year, but prior to that he served three years as state relations officer assigned to the University of Northern Iowa.

"We're fortunate to have Joe rejoin our staff and focus his attention on Iowa State," Donley added.

Iowa State University President Steven Leath expressed thanks to Ann McCarthy and said he and others at Iowa State look forward to working with Murphy.

"I'm particularly grateful to Ann for assisting me as I became acquainted with legislators and other state officials during my first year in office. Much of my success this year can be attributed to Ann and her efforts," Leath said. "We are fortunate to have an experienced person like Joe Murphy assume the state relations responsibilities."

McCarthy, who also has worked for the Iowa House of Representatives and the Iowa Department of Education, is a graduate of Iowa State University. She holds a law degree from Valparaiso University. Murphy is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and is pursuing graduate work at Drake University.

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