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**David Mitchell selected as Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services Administrator**

DES MOINES, Iowa (May 5, 2011) – Jason Glass, State Director of the Iowa Department of Education, has announced that David Mitchell has been named Administrator for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Glass said Mitchell “has spent the last 11 years here at IVRS and so is well equipped to move into this new leadership role.”

While at IVRS Mitchell served as Assistant Bureau Chief, Administrative Consultant and Supervisor for East Central Area Office.

Prior to joining IVRS, Mitchell worked in rehabilitation services in Central Iowa for nearly 20 years in both the public and private sectors serving as a community services administrator, rehabilitation consultant, branch manager and vocational counselor.

Mitchell received his Master of Science Degree from Drake University in Counseling and Personnel Services and earned his undergraduate degree from Iowa State University in Social Work and Industrial Administration. Mitchell is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) through the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

A member of the Iowa Rehabilitation Association, Mitchell is a past president and is a current member of the National Rehabilitation Association. He is a past member of the Iowa Association of Service Providers in Private Rehabilitation and the Central Iowa Job Placement Network, serving as Co-Chair in 1987.

The Rehabilitation Services Administration, Region VII, gave Mitchell the Distinguished Service Award and he received the College of Education Alumni of the Year Award from Drake University in 2005. In 2003 Mitchell was presented with the Iowa Golden Dome Award for Leader of the Year and in 1989 Mitchell was given the Bill Donohue Memorial Award in recognition of excellence for outstanding achievement in the placement of Iowans with disabilities by the Job Placement Division of the Iowa Rehabilitation Association.

Mitchell has given numerous presentations at conferences in the Midwest on rehabilitation, job placement, transition and employment issues.