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Jurgens, Vellinga and Wallace Join Iowa Business Council

November 1, 2005 – (Des Moines, IA) – Three prominent members of the Iowa business community have accepted invitations to join the Iowa Business Council: Ric Jurgens, CEO and President, Hy-Vee, Inc.; David Vellinga, CEO, Mercy Health Network; and Samuel Wallace, President, Iowa Health System. Membership in the Council is by invitation only, and includes the top executives of 24 of Iowa's largest employers.

Todd Raba, Chair of the Iowa Business Council and President of MidAmerican Energy Company said, "These key executives of Hy-Vee, Iowa Health System and Mercy Health Network lead three outstanding organizations that are well respected among Iowans and the business community. We are honored to have them join us as we work to enhance the economic vitality in Iowa."

Jurgens, Hy-Vee

Des Moines native and career lifetime Hy-Vee employee, Ric Jurgens, was named CEO and President of Hy-Vee, Inc. in 2003. Throughout his career at Hy-Vee, Jurgens served as store manager, district manager, regional manager, Sr. Vice President, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, and President.

Hy-Vee, Inc. is employee owned, operating more than 220 retail stores in seven Midwestern states. Hy-Vee ranks among the top 15 supermarket chains in the nation.

Vellinga, Mercy Health Network

David Vellinga serves as president and CEO of three organizations: Mercy Medical Center – Des Moines; Mercy Health Network (MHN), a statewide organization of health care facilities and services in Iowa; and Trinity International Health Services based in Novi, Michigan. As the chief executive officer of MHN, Vellinga leads one of the largest organizations in Iowa, employing more than 12,000 people in more than 130 facilities, including hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and hospices. MHN was formed in 1998 under a joint operating agreement between two of the largest Catholic, not-for-profit health organizations in the U.S.: Catholic Health Initiatives, Denver, Colorado, and Trinity Health, Novi, Michigan. Named to his current positions at Mercy – Des Moines and MHN in 1999 and 2000 respectively, Vellinga previously served as president and CEO of North Iowa Mercy Health Center in Mason City. He holds a master's degree in Healthcare Administration from University of Iowa.



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Wallace, Iowa Health System

Samuel Wallace became President of Iowa Health System in 1995, after serving as President of St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids from 1981–1995.

Iowa Health System includes 11 hospitals in seven Iowa communities, as well as one community in Illinois. It supports a system of rural hospitals in 14 Iowa communities and partners with physicians and clinics in more than 80 communities in Iowa, western Illinois and eastern Nebraska. Iowa Health System is the state's first and largest integrated healthcare system with more than 17,000 employees in Iowa.

The Iowa Business Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of the top executives of 24 of Iowa's largest businesses and three Regent universities, employing over 180,000 Iowans statewide with capital assets of \$20 billion. The purpose of the Council is to focus the active personal commitment of the leaders of Iowa's major employers in statewide leadership roles to enhance Iowa's economic vitality. Council members identify major business issues, evaluate options and assist in implementing solutions through collaborative public/private partnerships.

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