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Fehrman and Leaver Join Iowa Business Council

Des Moines, IOWA (February 12, 2008) – Two Des Moines business leaders, William J. Fehrman, president of MidAmerican Energy Company, and William B. Leaver, president and CEO of Iowa Health System, have accepted invitations to join the Iowa Business Council. Membership in the Council is by invitation only and includes the top executives of 18 of Iowa's largest employers, the three Regent universities, and Iowa's largest banking association.

Max Phillips, chair of the Iowa Business Council and president of Qwest – Iowa said, "We are honored to have these outstanding individuals join the Council. Their distinguished careers demonstrate a shared commitment to positioning Iowa as a leader in the global marketplace. They understand the importance of collaboration, and possess the kind of visionary thinking that will further the work of the Council on behalf of all Iowans."

Fehrman, MidAmerican Energy Company

William J. Fehrman is President of MidAmerican Energy Company (MEC). Before joining MEC, Fehrman served as President of PacifiCorp Energy, with responsibility for the electric generation, commercial, energy trading, and coal-mining operations of the company. Prior to that, Fehrman was with MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company overseeing integration activities of the company's acquisition of PacifiCorp. From 1981–2006 Fehrman worked at Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) based in Columbus, Nebraska. He held several leadership positions at NPPD, including Nuclear Project Manager and Vice President-Fossil Energy, before being named President and CEO in 2003.

Leaver, Iowa Health System

William B. Leaver became President and CEO of Iowa Health System in January 2008. Before joining Iowa Health System, Leaver was President and CEO at Trinity Regional Health System in the Quad Cities for nearly seven years. During Leaver's tenure, Trinity became a healthcare leader in quality, innovations, and prevention. In 2007, Trinity was recognized as a Top 100 Hospital by Thomson Corporation for developing one of the nation's leading heart surgery programs.

ABOUT THE IOWA BUSINESS COUNCIL

The Iowa Business Council is a non-profit, non-partisan, self-funded organization whose 22 members are the top executives of 18 of the largest businesses in the state, the three Regent university presidents, and Iowa's largest banking association. Founded in 1985, the Council's purpose is to focus the personal commitment of its members in active leadership roles on major initiatives that offer opportunity to enhance Iowa's economic vitality and improve the lives of Iowans. Council members identify major economic issues, evaluate options, and assist in implementing solutions through collaborative public/private partnerships.



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Collectively, IBC companies and institutions employ more than 203,000 Iowans and, in just the last ten years, have invested over \$13 billion of capital in the state. Annually, the Business Council represents more than \$250 million in financial contributions and volunteer hours given to numerous charitable causes around Iowa. Council member companies and institutions are leaders in technology innovation with over \$2.1 billion in spending and procured grants for research and development. For more information, please visit the IBC Web site at www.iowabusinesscouncil.org.

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