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Robillard, Representing University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Joins the Iowa Business Council

Des Moines, IOWA (July 21, 2008) – Jean E. Robillard, Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Iowa, has accepted an invitation to join the Iowa Business Council (IBC) representing the U of I Hospitals and Clinics. Membership in the Council is by invitation only and includes the top executives of 19 of Iowa's largest employers, the three Regent universities, and Iowa's largest banking association.

Max Phillips, IBC Chair and President of Qwest-Iowa said, "We are honored to have such an outstanding and renowned individual join the Council. Dr. Robillard's distinguished career demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to quality health care here in Iowa. His work has been instrumental in integrating the planning and operations of the University's largest organization, UI Health Care, which includes the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the Carver College of Medicine, and University of Iowa Physicians — the state's largest multi-specialty physician group practice. It's this kind of visionary thinking that will further the work of the Council on behalf of all Iowans."

Jean E. Robillard, M.D., is a native of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He earned his bachelors and medical degrees from the University of Montreal. Following post-doctoral training in Montreal, Los Angeles, and Iowa City, he joined the faculty at the University of Iowa in 1974 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Professor in 1982. In 1987, Dr. Robillard became Vice Chair of the Department of Pediatrics while also serving as Director of the Pediatric Nephrology Division. The author of more than 220 scientific papers during his career, Robillard's clinical work has focused primarily on the developmental physiology of the kidney. In 2006, he served as Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Pediatrics and is currently a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC), established in Iowa City in 1898, is a 684-bed comprehensive health care facility offering a multidisciplinary expertise that encompasses over 200 health care specialties. It has more than 13,800 full-time employees that support over 11,000 additional jobs statewide. During 2006, UIHC had a total economic impact in Iowa of \$3.4 billion, generated over \$125 million in State revenue, and received more than \$179 million in total research funding. The number of patient care visits and admissions by Iowans at UIHC in FY2006-07 exceeded 666,000, representing all 99 Iowa counties. The number of non-Iowa patients, representing all other 49 states, exceeded



47,300 and the UIHC served a total of 187 foreign patients coming from 32 countries for specialized care.

ABOUT THE IOWA BUSINESS COUNCIL

The Iowa Business Council is a non-profit, non-partisan, self-funded organization whose 23 members are the top executives of 19 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 key economic issues, evaluate options, and assist in implementing solutions through collaborative public/private partnerships.

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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