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For Immediate Release:

SHONKWILER ASSUMES DUTIES AS BUDGET DIRECTOR AT EIU

CHARLESTON – When he accepted the position as Eastern Illinois University's newest budget director, Jim Shonkwiler also accepted the opportunity to return to east central Illinois.

Much of Shonkwiler's career, as well as his education, took place in the Champaign area. Perhaps more importantly, however, much of it has taken place in a university setting. It is believed his experience will serve him well as he coordinates and administers all aspects of the programs and activities associated with Eastern's budget.

Beginning work today (April 1, 2003), Shonkwiler will report directly to Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, and will assume responsibility for the university's budget functions. The position requires strong experience in both financial planning and resource managements as well as the ability to identify practical implications of new financial strategies.

"I am very pleased to have Jim join our administrative team," Cooley said. "I believe his expertise will be invaluable in helping us deal with the budget issues generated by the state's current economic crisis."

Specifically, Shonkwiler will coordinate the university's external budget process, including the preparation and review of operating and capital budget requests for Eastern's Board of Trustees, the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the General Assembly; supervise and assist in the development, preparation and presentation of internal and external budget materials; and prepare and analyze summarizations pertaining to major reporting areas.

He also will be asked to make recommendations to the vice president concerning budgets and assume responsibility for the appropriate use of funds.

Shonkwiler's background in higher education administration spans more than 15 years of service. Most recently he served as a faculty specialist with the University of Missouri's Outreach and Extension Service, developing partnerships with local leaders in an effort to build stronger businesses and a more skilled workforce.

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Prior to that, he served as director of the Office of Planning and Business Affairs for the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. As such, he managed resources in excess of \$200 million annually.

In addition to various positions and years of experience in the private sector, Shonkwiler also has held the positions of assistant to the director, finance and accounting, for the Cooperative Extension Service, and internal auditor, both through the University of Illinois.

He received both his bachelor's and master's degree in finance from the U of I, as well as his doctorate in higher education administration.