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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--The use of interview techniques to evaluate a student's ability to communicate in a foreign language will be the focus of the second annual Foreign Language Proficiency Workshop at Eastern Illinois University Feb. 29 through March 4.

The workshop, sponsored by the Illinois Foreign Language Teacher's Association and funded by the U.S. Office of Education, is designed for college foreign language professors. It will feature interview techniques used by the Foreign Service Institute, the Central Intelligence Agency and other federal agencies.

Each workshop will include a general training session and supervised practice interviews with student volunteers. Instructors for the workshops will come from various universities, the Educational Testing Service and the C.I.A. Student volunteers will come from area high schools and Eastern language classes.

Follow-up activities are required two months after the workshops. Each participant is to conduct tape-recorded interviews on their home campus and rate proficiency levels using the system learned at the workshops. An assigned instructor will then evaluate the development and allocation of each teacher's rating scale.

The workshop is being organized by Dr. Leo Kelly, Chairman of Eastern's Foreign Languages Department, in cooperation with Eastern's Office of Continuing Education.

Kelly said that 32 professors of French, German and Spanish from throughout the Midwest will attend the workshop.