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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

GRANT TO ENHANCE OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AT EASTERN

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's College of Education has received a \$126,732 grant from the National Occupational Information Coordinating Committee to enhance the occupational information systems at Eastern.

This system is a source of career information, which serves as a directory of available jobs in the United States. Each file consists of information, such as types of jobs available, location of jobs, salaries and qualifications for every job listing.

According to Ron Leathers, assistant dean of the College of Education and a member of the Illinois Occupational Information Coordinating Committee Administrative Board, faculty and students at Eastern can benefit from the system.

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"Since Eastern serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for the federal-funded system, the university is provided with additional resources to assist in its development. These statistics, such as evaluations of the system's effectiveness and projection of future job markets that come out of the IOICC Occupational Studies, provide the people at Eastern with firsthand exposure to the development of the system," he said.

Although limited services are available at this time, students and faculty wishing to utilize the system can do so by contacting Eastern's College of Education grants and contracts office, 581-2116.