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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JORNS OUT OF RUNNING FOR PRESIDENCY AT NORTHERN IOWA

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University President David Jorns is out of the running for the presidency at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Jorns interviewed for the presidency in early June and learned late Monday that he is not among the four finalists the search committee will recommend to Iowa's Board of Regents.

Jorns said Tuesday that he is not disappointed with the news since his candidacy was unexpected. "While it was an interesting experience, I am actually relieved that I am no longer in contention for the position. Although I didn't anticipate being a candidate, it was important for me and my wife, Audrey, to take a look at the university even though our hearts really weren't in it. We are pleased to be staying in Charleston. Our families live in the area, and we love the university and the community."

Jorns, who has been at Eastern since November 1992, was part of an extended search for Northern Iowa's new president.

The university chose to extend the search after one of the six finalists

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withdrew his name. Jorns was among three additional candidates from the original pool of 92 selected for on-campus interviews. He was asked to a preliminary interview in May, but declined.

The four finalists recommended to the Board of Regents by the UNI Presidential Search and Screen Advisory Committee are Ronald Applbaum, president of Westfield State College, Westfield, Mass.; Blaine Brownell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas; Robert Koob, senior vice president and vice president for academic affairs at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; and Lawrence Pettit, president of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Penn.

The Regents will interview the finalists June 30-July 1 in Des Moines. They are seeking a replacement for Constantine Curris who will assume the presidency of Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., this summer.

The new president is expected to take office Oct. 1.

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NOTE TO THE EDITOR: Please contact Shelly Flock in the EIU Public Affairs Office at 581-5983 if you also would like us to fax you a copy of the news release issued today by the Iowa State Board of Regents. It is four pages and contains bios on the finalists.