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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MONTY BENNETT NAMED DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING

CHARLESTON, IL--Monty Bennett of Martinsville has been named director of purchasing at Eastern Illinois University.

He replaces Elda Hall of Charleston, who retired in February after more than 30 years at the University.

An Eastern graduate, Bennett has been employed by the University since 1987, serving as assistant bursar in the Business Office and later as director of the textbook rental service.

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As purchasing director, Bennett will oversee annual purchases for the University of about \$12 million in goods and services. This includes processing more than 14,000 regular and departmental purchase orders annually, getting bids from vendors, paying for and delivering products and complying with legal requirements.

"I hope to maintain excellence in the purchasing department, which is comprised of a professional staff who have the knowledge and dedication it takes to make the best buying decisions for the University," Bennett said.

Bennett received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree from Eastern in 1970 and has experience as a business owner, as well as an educator.

He has served on Eastern's Civil Service Council; Council on University Planning and Budget; and Salary and Wage, University Grievance, and Textbook Advisory committees. He also belongs to the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce.

EIU Vice President for Business Affairs Charles Colbert said, "Monty's familiarity with the University, his experience in the business field and knowledge of federal and state regulations will be invaluable to the purchasing operation."

Bennett and his wife, Trish, who is working toward a degree in career occupations at Eastern, have five children: Michelle, 21; Danielle, 17; Matthew, 15; Andrew, 13; and Christopher, 10.