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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DODD NAMED BOSS OF THE YEAR

CHARLESTON, IL.--David Dodd of Charleston has been selected Eastern Illinois University's "Boss of the Year."

Dodd, director of Testing Services who supervises a staff of four, was selected from the hundreds of supervisors at Eastern by a subcommittee of the University's Office Staff Support Group (OSSG), composed of staff from across campus.

Office Staff Support personnel were eligible to nominate their boss by submitting a letter of nomination to the OSSG subcommittee.

Dodd, who was recognized at Eastern's "Boss' Lunch Out" held recently, said, "The group of nominees was an impressive one and I feel honored to have been included in that group and even more surprised I won the award. My staff's ability and independence make my supervisory responsibilities easy. We all work well together."

Other award nominees included Vaughn Jaenike, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Douglas Bock, chair of the Speech Communication Department; John North, chair of the Department of Secondary Education and Foundations; John David Reed, chair of the Journalism Department; and Elmer Voudrie, payroll supervisor.

Criteria for selection included that the nominee enthusiastically supports Eastern and its programs; routinely shows consideration and support of others--staff, colleagues, students, visitors to the office; and performs a courtesy beyond his/her daily responsibilities.

Mickey Carrell of Toledo, data processing production controller in Testing Services, said in a letter of recommendation, "Can you imagine your new boss coming into your office and asking what you liked and disliked about doing most in your job? and then-dividing up the 'dislikes' so that they are shared by himself and the rest of the staff. Well, that's what happened when Dr. Dodd joined Testing Services."

Dodd came to Eastern in 1984 and taught psychology for five years before becoming acting director of Testing Services in January 1989 and then director in July that year. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Utah in 1979.

In addition to recognizing the "Boss of the Year," Kevin Cannon of Charleston, assistant director of housing, humored the audience with a speech titled "Who is the Boss: Is It a Laughing Matter."