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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS AWARDS SOUGHT

CHARLESTON, IL--Nominations are still being sought for regional Business Ethics and Social Involvement (BESI) Awards to be presented at Eastern Illinois University's Lumpkin College of Business ethics conference scheduled in February.

Businesses and individuals in the East Central Illinois region who have made significant contributions to crucial social needs facing the state, region or local area are eligible for nomination. Nominees must be engaged in "for-profit" business activity.

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Managers who have pioneered enlightened business practices and have shown moral courage and principled leadership in the face of challenge are also invited to apply.

Stephen Payne, Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business Holley Professor of Social Responsibility in Business and BESI awards coordinator, said, "Our intent is to recognize creative, long term-oriented, and morally-thoughtful efforts by business managers/owners that might serve as models or examples for Eastern's business students and for others in business practice."

Nomination forms are available from Payne in Room 205 Lumpkin Hall or may be requested by calling him at (217) 581-6635. Submissions are due Monday, Jan. 13. There is no cost associated with submitting nominations.

Regional BESI award recipients will be selected by a screening committee of civic and professional leaders and will be announced during an awards banquet at the February 19 ethics conference at Eastern.

All material submitted for the regional award competition will be entered in the nationwide 1992 Business Enterprise Trust Competition.

In addition to the awards program, the conference will feature a keynote address by Michael Josephson, perhaps the nation's best known ethics lecturer and consultant to top leaders in business, industry and government.

He will share his views on ethics with area business leaders and other interested individuals at the conference which is open to the public. For more information and to register, call the Lumpkin College of Business at (217) 581-3526.