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### Higher Education Commissioner Appoints Assistant Commissioner of Budget and Planning

SALT LAKE CITY – William A. Sederburg, Commissioner of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), announced the appointment of Paul C. Morris as Assistant Commissioner of Budget and Planning in the Office of the Commissioner today.

This position, previously held by Kimberly Henrie, is important to achieving the strategic objectives of USHE. Duties of this position include oversight of the annual budget request and implementation process, finance-related policy development, and working with college and university officials and others to prepare budgetary and finance-related reports for the State Board of Regents, the Governor's Office, and the State Legislature.

"Paul brings a lot of on-campus experience that is greatly needed during these times of budget reductions," observed Commissioner Sederburg. "We look forward to having him working for the good of all the campuses."

"We are excited to bring an individual on board who is well recognized, appreciated by peers across the State, and who understands the issues of higher education." remarked Gregory Stauffer, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities.

Paul Morris has worked at the University of Utah and Southern Utah University. He has most recently been serving as Budget Director for Southern Utah University. He has a Master's Degree in Accounting. He will begin his new position on January 1, 2009.

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