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BOARD SELECTS SEARCH FIRM FOR KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents announced that Academic Search, Inc. will assist the Kansas State University (KSU) Presidential Search Committee and the Board in the search for the 13th President of KSU.

“We are pleased to have Academic Search assist the Board and the search committee in recruiting and selecting the next K-State President,” said Nelson Galle, Chair of the KSU Presidential Search Committee. “The firm’s track record in assisting with large research university presidential searches is truly impressive; its previous work with the Board in the Emporia State University presidential search was also outstanding. We are confident that it will help us to generate a deep and talented pool of highly-qualified candidates to lead K-State.”

Academic Search, Inc., an executive search firm founded in 1976 and based in Washington, DC, works exclusively with colleges, universities, and related organizations. The firm has assisted over 800 former clients in the past three decades, and, in the past ten years alone, has completed 289 presidential searches with 77 percent of the presidents recruited over this period still in office.

Academic Search has completed presidential searches for land grant institutions such as the University of Arizona and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Other presidential searches include Texas Tech University, the University of Alabama, George Washington University, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and the University of North Dakota. The firm also assisted the Board with the Emporia State University presidential search in 2006. John Hicks will serve as the firm’s lead consultant in the KSU search.

The KSU Presidential Search Committee will work closely with Academic Search over the next several months to identify and recruit candidates to replace current KSU President Jon Wefald who, after twenty-two years of service, will retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. Additional presidential search details can be found on the Board’s website at the following link: www.kansasregents.org/ksusearch.html.

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, a municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

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