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Iowa Student Loan Supports Governor's Objectives for Helping Students and Families

DES MOINES, Iowa (October 24, 2008) — The board of directors and management of **Iowa Student Loan** have received the Iowa Attorney General's final report to **Gov. Chester Culver** regarding the Corporation's operations and governance. The report offers recommendations for improvement, most of which are already implemented.

Iowa Student Loan is committed to the Governor's objective of ensuring affordable access to college for Iowa's students.

NOTABLE FINDINGS

The Attorney General's report "emphatically" dismissed any allegations or speculation that Iowa Student Loan had engaged in mismanagement, misappropriation of funds, or criminal conduct. It also concurred with a previous report from the State Auditor that found that Iowa Student Loan executive compensation was "reasonable." Attorney General **Tom Miller** noted in his letter to the Governor: "We believe those connected with Iowa Student Loan are Iowans of good character acting in good faith."

"We thank the Governor for his support of Iowa Student Loan's mission and his commitment to appointing new directors to the vacant seats on our board of directors," said **Rudolph Leytze**, chairman of the Iowa Student Loan board of directors. "These directors will be essential to help Iowa Student Loan meet the challenges caused by the international credit crisis and economic downturn."

Since the release of the State Auditor's report and the approval of state student lending legislation in May, Iowa Student Loan has implemented most of the specified changes and is awaiting board appointments to complete the process. The Corporation also was one of the first student loan companies in the nation to adopt the stringent code of conduct prescribed by federal sunshine legislation passed in 2007.

"The immediate challenges facing Iowa's students and families in these turbulent economic times are immense," said **Steve McCullough**, Iowa Student Loan chief executive officer. "We look forward to working with the Governor and the Attorney General as well as our financial and education partners to ensure that student loans remain available for Iowans."

ABOUT IOWA STUDENT LOAN

Iowa Student Loan is the state-designated, private, nonprofit secondary market for student loans. Since 1981, Iowa Student Loan has helped 300,000 students and families plan, prepare and secure resources for higher education through the offering of low-cost loans and borrower benefits and programs.