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Higher education commission names new Chief Financial Officer

INDIANAPOLIS – Matt Hawkins will join the staff of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education on July 8 as Associate Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer. Hawkins currently serves as the Executive Director of Ivy Tech Community College's statewide Grants Office.

Prior to assuming his present position at Ivy Tech, Hawkins held grants and financial management positions at Butler University and the City of Indianapolis.

"Matt's expertise in higher education finance and government makes him uniquely qualified to serve as our agency's Chief Financial Officer," said Teresa Lubbers, Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education. "We're excited to have Matt as a member of our team, and we look forward to his contributions toward our collective efforts to maximize college completion, productivity and academic quality in Indiana."

As CFO, Hawkins will provide financial, budget and policy analysis related to a variety of higher education finance issues, including state funding for Indiana's public colleges and universities, university construction and renovation projects, and student tuition and fees among other financial-related issues. Hawkins succeeds Jason Dudich, who recently became Controller for the City of Indianapolis after serving as the Commission's CFO for the past three years.

"I am grateful for the opportunities afforded me by Ivy Tech and now by the CHE. I believe my work experience and educational background uniquely align with this role," said Hawkins. "I look forward to working with and learning from the Commissioner, the Commission members and staff of the CHE. I am equally eager to work with Indiana's institutions of higher education during the coming years."

"While we are disappointed to lose Matt, we appreciate the good work he has done throughout his time at the College and look forward to working with him in his new role at the Commission," said Ivy Tech President Tom Snyder.

Hawkins' appointment as CFO is scheduled to be formally approved by the members of the Commission for Higher Education as part of the agency's next board meeting on June 13.

Hawkins holds an undergraduate degree in business from Trine University and an MBA from Butler University.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is a 14-member public body created in 1971 to define the missions of Indiana's colleges and universities, plan and coordinate the state's postsecondary education system, and ensure that Indiana's higher education system is aligned to meet the needs of students and the state. Learn more about the Commission and its *Reaching Higher, Achieving More* strategic plan at www.che.in.gov.