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## **Perry Assumes Chairmanship of National Organization**

PIERRE, S.D. – Robert T. Tad Perry, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, took office as chair of the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) this month. His term of office concludes in September 2007.

SHEEO is a professional association of higher education chief executives for 26 statewide governing boards and 30 coordinating boards. As a national organization, SHEEO promotes effective state higher education policymaking and serves as a liaison between states and the federal government in the education policy arena.

Perry became the system executive officer for the South Dakota Board of Regents in 1994. Prior to his service in South Dakota, he was the chief operating officer of Indiana's Partnership for Statewide Education. He concluded his 23-year career at Ball State University (Ind.) as a professor of political science and associate vice president from 1987 to 1994.

Perry is a graduate of Central Methodist University in his native state of Missouri, where he serves as a member of the university's Board of Trustees. He received an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He also serves as secretary-treasurer of the National Association of System Heads and is a member of the steering committee for the Education Commission of the States. He is a former chair of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.