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## Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Hires New Executive Director

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** (December 17, 2010) – The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) announced today that Richard McPherson will be the agency's new Executive Director effective January 1, 2011. Mr. McPherson will succeed Jon L. Brock, who served in the agency's top post for the past 15 years and is retiring at the end of the year. Mr. McPherson is currently OESC Director of Workforce Services.

"We're lucky to have Richard because of his vast experience and knowledge of our workforce system," noted outgoing OESC Executive Director Jon L. Brock. "He'll provide exactly the leadership and perspective we need during this time of economic challenge to best serve our customers and all Oklahomans."

Mr. McPherson joined OESC in 1987 following a five-year stint with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. He served in a variety of positions at OESC, including workforce center manager and regional director, before being promoted to Director of Workforce Services, a position he's held for the past 14 years. In this position, Mr. McPherson has been responsible for all state workforce centers, including services, activities and staff. During his tenure, Mr. McPherson helped orchestrate the implementation of the one-stop concept in the local workforce centers and the integration of the Workforce Oklahoma system across the state.

"It is an honor to continue as part of the best team in state government," Mr. McPherson said Friday about his promotion. "In my new role as Executive Director, I hope to continue the agency's legacy as a cornerstone of Oklahoma's workforce and economic development system."

The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission hired Mr. McPherson during its December meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010. For more information, please contact OESC Public Information Officer John Carpenter at (405) 557-5469 or [john.carpenter@oesc.state.ok.us](mailto:john.carpenter@oesc.state.ok.us).

**About OESC** – The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission is Oklahoma's state workforce agency. OESC provides unemployment compensation to support unemployed workers and their communities; matches jobs and workers to benefit local labor markets; prepares a skilled workforce to meet employers' needs; and gathers, analyzes and disseminates information about the labor force to improve local economic decisions.

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