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The University of Nebraska Board of Regents has appointed Hank M. Bounds, Ph.D., a lifelong educator with a demonstrated record of expanding opportunities for students, improving higher education outcomes and efficiencies, and building successful partnerships with policymakers, donors and business leaders, as the seventh president of the University of Nebraska.

Bounds, a first-generation traditional college student who has spent his entire 25-year career in education – first as a high school teacher, then as a principal, superintendent and state superintendent – currently serves as commissioner of higher education for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning. He was selected for the NU presidency among four public finalists following an extensive national search that engaged hundreds of Nebraskans, including nearly three dozen key university constituents who served on a pair of search committees.

He begins his tenure as NU president on April 13, 2015.

Since 2009, Bounds has served as the chief executive officer of Mississippi's public university system, which includes four research universities, four regional universities and an academic health science center. Among the universities are two land-grant institutions, three historically black institutions, a law center, a school of veterinary medicine, and 200 institutes and centers. Together, the system enrolls about 85,000 students, employs more than 26,000 faculty and staff, and operates with a combined annual budget of approximately \$4.5 billion including an average of more than \$500 million in research and development.

During every year of Bounds' tenure as higher education commissioner,

student enrollment and degrees awarded by the institutions in the Mississippi system have increased – by a total of 13.3 percent and 13.3 percent, respectively. He was selected for the NU presidency among four public finalists following an extensive national search that engaged hundreds of Nebraskans, including nearly three dozen key university constituents who served on a pair of search committees.