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TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY RE-ELECTS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Glassman of Hays and Quattlebaum of Wichita Assume Leadership Roles

(TOPEKA) – The members of the Kansas Technical Education Authority recently elected the 2008-2009 Chair and Vice Chair. On Wednesday, September 3, the 12-member Authority re-elected Joseph Glassman of Hays as the Chair and William (Bill) Quattlebaum of Wichita as the Vice Chair.

“I am honored to have been re-elected as Chair,” said Glassman. “I look forward to working with the distinguished group of institutions and Authority members that bring such passion to technical education. The Authority will seek to address critical workforce shortages and continue efforts to provide high quality technical education opportunities to students.”

Glassman was appointed to the Authority by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in 2007, and served as the first Authority Chair from 2007-2008. Glassman is the President and CEO of Glassman Corporation, a mechanical contracting firm established in 1946 in Hays, Kansas.

Glassman currently serves as the chairman of the Hays-Russell Public Wholesale Water District. His past civic involvement includes the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, the Salina Vo-Tech Advisory Board, the Associated General Contractors of Kansas, the Thomas Moore Preparatory School Board, the Hays City Commission, the Kansas Water Authority, and Vo-Tech Education Commissioner. Glassman also served one term as Mayor of Hays.

Glassman is a graduate of the Thomas More Preparatory School, and has attended Fort Hays State University and Regis University in Denver, Colorado. He and his wife, Linda, have eight children.

Bill Quattlebaum was appointed to the Authority by Governor Sebelius in 2007, and served as the first Authority Vice-Chair from 2007-2008. He is the Vice President of Human Resources with Cessna in Wichita.

Prior to joining Cessna 30 years ago, Quattlebaum served in the United States Navy as an avionics technician and air-crewman. He has a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt. He and his wife, Sharie, have two children and several grandchildren.

“Technical education will be a critical engine in driving economic development in Kansas,” said Quattlebaum. “I am honored to have been re-elected and look forward to the important work of the Authority during the coming year.”

Glassman and Quattlebaum will both serve one-year leadership terms.

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

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About the Technical Education Authority:

The 12-member Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority, which operates within the Kansas Board of Regents, was created by the Kansas Legislature in 2007, and is charged with coordinating statewide planning for postsecondary technical education.

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