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**Higher Education Jobs Grow, But Not Unscathed,
as Recession Winds Down**

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (February 16, 2010) -- Despite the economic recession, the total number of jobs in higher education continues to follow regular historical patterns and has been characterized as "stable," according to the latest Higher Education Employment Report from HigherEdJobs.com. Following historical patterns, the number of jobs in higher education continued to rise during the fourth quarter of 2009, albeit at a slightly lower rate than in the recent past. In Q4 2009, the number of jobs in higher education grew 1.3 percent. Since 2005, fourth quarter growth in the number of higher education jobs has averaged 1.8 percent. (<http://www.higheredjobs.com/link.cfm?q=4&y=2009&id=3>).

Advertisements for job openings in higher education showed positive signs for the first time in over a year. Job postings from colleges and universities on HigherEdJobs.com's unlimited posting plan were up 10.4 percent during December 2009 compared to the year before. November was up 10.9 percent. For the quarter, job postings were still down 3.6 percent, but that is a vast improvement from the 29 percent decline observed during the third quarter.

Other findings from the latest report on higher education jobs and job openings:

- The percentage of faculty job postings increased significantly during the first half of 2009 compared to previous years, suggesting institutions are targeting their shrinking resources towards academic programs.
- The ratio of part-time postings in higher education continued to rise in Q4 2009. This ratio started to increase in 2007 as the recession took hold.
- Although community college jobs and job postings have trended upward lately, future growth may be more moderate.

HigherEdJobs.com is the leading source for jobs and career information in academia. During 2009, more than 2,600 colleges and universities posted over 55,000 faculty, administrative and executive job postings to the company's web site. HigherEdJobs.com is visited over two million times each month by 700,000 unique visitors. HigherEdJobs.com is published by Internet Employment Linkage, Inc. which is headquartered in State College, PA, and has an accounting and operations office in Oak Park, IL.

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