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Murphy steps down, Academy begins search for new executive vice president

Jim Murphy, executive vice president of the American Academy of Actuaries, has announced he will leave his post by year-end. He submitted his resignation, effective December 31, 1994, to the Academy Board of Directors, which has formed a blue-ribbon task force to seek a replacement.

The Academy's chief staff officer since 1989, Murphy stated in his resignation letter that he had extended his original five-year commitment to the Academy for an additional year to oversee the organization's health care reform efforts, and he felt his primary goals for the Academy had been accomplished.

Under Murphy's leadership, the Academy expanded its role as the

public policy voice of the actuarial profession. A highlight of Murphy's tenure was the establishment of the Academy's government information department, whose efforts have led to increased respect for the profession among federal and state public policy makers. Other accomplishments during Murphy's six-year tenure were founding the Actuarial Board for Counseling and Discipline, the magazine *Contingencies*, and the Forecast 2000 public relations campaign.

To assist in the search for Murphy's successor, the Academy has retained executive search consultants Heidrick & Struggles of Washington, D.C. The consultants will work with the selection task force, chaired by Jack Turnquist.

Other members of the task force include Ronald Bornhuetter, Harry Garber, Jim MacGinnitie, Ian Rolland, and Barry Watson, all former presidents of U.S.-based actuarial organizations.

The search announcement states that the Academy executive director serves as the actuarial profession's primary spokesperson to public policy makers, the media, and other outside audiences. The search will consider both actuaries and non-actuaries. Those wishing to provide a nomination or to apply for the position should direct correspondence to Eugene M. Rackley, Heidrick & Struggles, 1301 K Street NW, Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20005.

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