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Dave Lingren named director of the Iowa Communications Network

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Dave Lingren is the new executive director of the Iowa Communications Network, according to a statement Thursday from the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission.

Lingren was tapped in January to serve as interim director when John Gillispie resigned.

A consulting firm, Management Resource Group, culled through more than 100 applications. A team of commission members and others interviewed four candidates. The full commission interviewed two finalists on Sept. 2, the news release stated.

"(Lingren's) knowledge of the industry, familiarity with the customer base, and ability to work with policy makers and stakeholders are distinguishing assets that will be critical to advancing the mission of the ICN in the years ahead," Betsy Brandsgard, chairwoman of the commission said in the written statement.

"We are confident he will continue to build relationships with lawmakers and private sector providers to ensure that the telecommunications needs of state government, K-12 education, and other customer bases are well-served," Brandsgard said.

Lingren's accomplishments as interim director include leadership for the development of a \$16.25 million federal broadband grant, seeking legislation that will allow ICN's customers to have greater bandwidth capacity, and an initiative with Iowa Health Systems, the press release stated.

The Iowa Telecommunications & Technology Commission members are Brandsgard, Pamela A. Duffy, Timothy L. Lapointe, David A. Vaudt, Robert R. Hardman and Michael W. Mahaffey.

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