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Tom Potiowsky will return to Portland State University

Salem — Dr. Tom Potiowsky will resign as state economist effective Sept. 15, 2011, to resume his career at Portland State University as Chair of the Department of Economics and Director of the newly formed Northwest Institute of Applied Economic Research, the state Department of Administrative Services announced today.

“We appreciate Tom’s years of service as Oregon’s state economist and head of the Office of Economic Analysis,” said DAS director and state chief operating officer Michael Jordan. “We will miss him, and wish him well as he returns to PSU.”

Prior to becoming state economist, Potiowsky was professor and chair of the PSU Economics Department. He has served as Oregon’s economist since 1999, apart from a 15-month period beginning in 2006.

In the coming weeks, the department will begin recruiting for a new state economist who will work with staff to help determine the revenue outlook for the state.

Recent legislative proposals have suggested moving the office to the Oregon University System or Legislative Revenue Office, or dividing forecasting responsibilities between several offices. The proposed legislation has stimulated interest in the office and economic forecasts, and DAS welcomes input regarding the structure and duties of the office; however, the primary responsibility of preparing quarterly revenue forecasts will remain with the Executive Branch.

Mark McMullen, senior economist with the Office of Economic Analysis, will step in as interim state economist upon Potiowsky’s departure. Mark currently plays a central role in developing the economic and revenue outlook. Prior to joining OEA in 2010, Mark served as director of consulting at Moody’s Analytics, and was a researcher with the Congressional Budget Office and the Center for International Comparisons. Mark was an undergraduate at Pomona College and did his graduate work in economics at the University of Pennsylvania.