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Judge Names Tow New Soil and Water Conservation Director

(Des Moines, IA) Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Patty Judge announced today that Kenneth Tow, of Waukee, Iowa, has been named the new Soil and Water Conservation Division Director of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Tow began his career in state government in 1976 as the Assistant Director of the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation. In 1986 he became the Mines and Minerals Bureau Chief of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. In 2004 Tow was named by Secretary Judge as the interim Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Division.

"Ken Tow has demonstrated his keen ability to manage the Soil and Water Conservation Division. Always a champion of conservation and agriculture, Ken understands the importance of both to the well being of our state. We are lucky to have him at the helm, and I look forward to continue working with him as our Soil and Water Conservation Division Director," Secretary Judge stated.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship's Soil and Conservation Division is responsible for state leadership of our water, soil and mineral resources.

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