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### Mayor Announces First Meeting for Task Force on the Lincoln General Hospital Proceeds

Mayor Mike Johanns today announced that the Mayor's Tasks Force on the Lincoln General Sale Proceeds will hold their first meeting on November 20, 1997. The committee will be chaired by Robert J. Duncan, Chairman and CEO, Duncan Aviation; Mike Seacrest, Community Volunteer; and Alan Hersch, Associate Vice President of Community Services, Peoples Natural Gas.

Johanns also announced that Mr. Jim Hudak of the national firm Anderson Consulting, will provide pro bono strategic planning expertise for the upcoming community process. Mr. Hudak was instrumental in StarVenture, Lincoln's strategic planning effort in the late 1980's.

The Task Force will hold its first meeting on Thursday, November 20, 1997, from 3:00-5:00pm in the Yankee Hill Room at the Cornhusker Conference Center. All Task Force meetings will be open for the public to observe and will be video taped and rebroadcast at frequent intervals on Cable Government Access Channel 5. There will also be opportunities for public input throughout the entire process. The agenda for the first meeting will include opening remarks by Mayor Johanns on his charge to the Task Force and a presentation by Mr. Hudak.

Johanns stated, "I am excited to see this process underway. The use of these funds will affect the quality of life for Lincoln residents into the future. I am confident that the Task Force will examine community needs, issues, and priorities carefully, and I look forward to receiving their recommendations."