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**Governor-elect Kasich Names Bob Blair Director of the
Ohio Department of Administrative Services**

COLUMBUS – Today Governor-elect John Kasich named Bob Blair to serve as Director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (ODAS), which manages the state workforce and provides administrative support to public agencies, boards and commissions.

As the Gov.-elect's fourth cabinet-level appointee, Blair will bring 18 years of state government experience to the Kasich Administration. Previously, Blair served as both human resources director and assistant director in the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), and director of human resources at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). Currently, Blair is a business development manager in the New Albany office of EMH&T, an engineering, architectural and development firm.

In praise of Blair's background in public service, Gov.-elect Kasich said, "As we work to make state government more efficient and more effective, Bob brings a wealth of experience to my administration, and will have a key role in ensuring that taxpayers are getting their money's worth out of state government. He will be instrumental in helping to create a modernized, 21st century state government that maximizes public dollars and better serves the customer."

Said Blair of the appointment, "It is imperative that we critically examine how the State of Ohio administers services and manages its workforce, and eliminate waste, redundancies and inefficiencies abundant throughout the system. Ohioans, state employees and businesses that work with the state all deserve agencies that operate professionally and responsively, and I look forward to bringing a business-like approach to the public sector."

Blair resides in Pickerington where he is actively involved in his community, serving as a trustee on the Fairfield County Board of Health and the Pickerington Public Library.

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