



## **Nelnet announces Eicher to succeed Van Horn as head of Loan Generation**

(Lincoln, NE) - - Today, Nelnet (National Education Loan Network) announced that Todd Eicher has been selected to head the company's Loan Generation line of business. The position is currently held by Jim Van Horn, who will leave the education finance industry in mid-May. Although Van Horn will pursue external career endeavors, he will continue as a member of Nelnet's Board of Directors, a position he has held since joining the organization in 2000.

"Jim Van Horn has created a legacy of accomplishments and service standards at Nelnet," commented Mike Dunlap, Chairman of Nelnet. "While he will be greatly missed, I am confident Todd Eicher will utilize the foundation Jim established to continue to propel Nelnet's loan generation business in years to come."

Mr. Eicher currently serves as Managing Director of Nelnet's Business Integration department, the product development and technology component of Loan Generation. Mr. Eicher joined Nelnet's affiliated companies in 1988. He has served as in-house legal counsel and has managed the organization's Account Maintenance and Compliance departments. In recent years, Mr. Eicher led Nelnet's St. Paul, Minnesota Loan Generation and Servicing center, was responsible for the company's Jacksonville-based servicing operations, and oversaw the transition of the former EFS operation to Nelnet in 2002. In addition to his new responsibilities, Mr. Eicher will retain oversight of the ELM NDN operations, a role he has held for two years.

Nelnet's Loan Generation department provides loan origination services and award management and disbursement products to schools and lenders nationwide. The department opened its 7th Loan Generation center in Portland, Maine in March of this year. Additional information regarding Nelnet's school and lender services is available online at [www.nelnet.net](http://www.nelnet.net).

Nelnet is a vertically integrated educational finance organization dedicated to providing products and services that facilitate education finance for students, schools, lenders, and guarantors. With over \$9.5 billion in total assets, Nelnet originates in excess of \$3 billion for itself and its service partners annually, and services, or provides servicing software for, more than \$46 billion in student loans. Nelnet ranks among the nation's leaders in terms of total student loan assets managed.