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Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra names Goicoechea as Deputy for Governmental Affairs

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(BOISE) – Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra today announced the appointment of Dan Goicoechea as Deputy for Governmental Affairs for the State Department of Education.

As Deputy, Goicoechea will serve as Idaho Land Board liaison for the superintendent, media contact, and other duties as assigned. He began work today.

“I am excited Dan could join my team,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “He brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and public service to the department, which will greatly benefit me in my service to the schoolchildren and the citizens of Idaho. With his extensive background in Idaho state government, natural resource issues and management from both the private and public sector, he will be the point person on issues critical to the Land Board, Department of Lands, and the state’s Public School Endowments.”

Goicoechea comes to the State Department of Education after serving nearly 15 years as chief deputy to the last three Idaho State Controllers. He also will serve as the first point of contact for the media for information. “I’m thrilled to be working at an agency with such an important mission and role in the future of Idaho,” Goicoechea said, who worked nearly 20 years in broadcast news in the Treasure Valley and studied elementary education in college.

Most recently, Goicoechea, in addition to being Chief Deputy State Controller, served the state as Chairman of the Idaho Technology Authority and as a Board Member of the IDEAL College Savings Board. Additionally, he has served as the Director of Information for the Idaho Farm Bureau, Assistant Director for the Department of Agriculture, and Governmental Liaison for the DuPont Corporation. Goicoechea, an honor graduate of the U.S. Army Reconnaissance School, Patton Award recipient, and former Sheriff’s Deputy will continue to serve as a Commissioner on the Idaho Public Safety Communications Commission.

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