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Nebraska Governor Applies to Be University President

(AP) - Gov. Dave Heineman has applied for the University of Nebraska presidency, little more than a week after he publicly expressed interest in the job.

The term-limited governor announced Wednesday that he has asked the university's Board of Regents to consider him for the position. The presidency came open with the departure of J.B. Milliken, who became chancellor of the City University of New York.

The university is conducting a national search for applicants, and will announce four finalists before making their selection.

Heineman, a Republican, says he reached out to several regents and spoke Milliken to notify them that he was seeking the job.

Heineman says he would focus on keeping tuition affordable and increasing research activity if he's chosen. Heineman is leaving office in January.

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