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**COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW AND THE
BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**

As complementary academic disciplines, law and business provide opportunities for interdisciplinary cooperation and contributions to sustainable economic growth in Idaho. The Boise State University College of Business and Economics, accredited by AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), delivers undergraduate and graduate education while drawing upon the strengths of a metropolitan research university. The University of Idaho College of Law, accredited by the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools, fulfills the University's statewide mission in legal education while drawing upon the strengths of the state's land grant research university. The College of Law offers the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree at Moscow and is proposing to establish a second location for the J.D. program in Boise, where the curriculum will include an emphasis on business law.

Expansion of the J.D. program to Boise will greatly facilitate cooperation between the colleges and their respective universities. The universities already cooperate in promoting entrepreneurship through the Idaho Small Business Development Center (ISBDC) housed in the BSU College of Business and Economics. The ISBDC refers cases to the Small Business Legal Clinic at the UI College of Law for legal assistance in business start-ups. Future cooperation between the two colleges may include jointly sponsored symposia on business law and policy, faculty research collaboration, and graduate-level concurrent degree programs.

Two concurrent degree programs are now in development. The colleges are finalizing an agreement for delivery of concurrent Juris Doctor and Master of Science in Accountancy/Taxation degrees, enabling students to receive both degrees through a coordinated program encompassing approximately three full years including summers. This program will not create new degrees, but will enhance the availability and cost-effectiveness of existing degrees while opening high-level career opportunities for students and adding to the expertise and human capital available to prospective employers. The colleges also have committed to future planning for delivery of concurrent Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration degrees, providing powerful tools for career advancement while increasing business law expertise at leadership levels in Idaho's legal and business communities.

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