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## **Mary Downs Appointed Interim Executive Director of the American Academy of Actuaries**

WASHINGTON – 7 April 2009 – The American Academy of Actuaries President **John Parks** announced earlier today that the Academy’s Executive Committee has appointed **Mary Downs** as the Academy’s interim executive director. Downs will continue to serve as general counsel for the Academy, a position she has held since 2006.

“The Academy’s leadership congratulates Ms. Downs and is confident that her appointment represents a smooth and productive transition that will keep the Academy steadily on course toward achieving its goals,” Parks said.

Before joining the Academy’s staff, Downs served in various legal and management positions in both the government and the private sector. She received her Juris Doctorate from Boston College Law School in 1974.

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