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NOCTI & Nocti Business Solutions Appoint Dr. Kathleen McNally as New CEO



BIG RAPIDS, Michigan - The NOCTI Board of Trustees and the Nocti Business Solutions (NBS) Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kathleen McNally as CEO. McNally is an innovative, aspirational leader with over 35 years of experience in career and technical education (CTE) and workforce development.

McNally succeeds Dr. John Foster, who is transitioning into retirement after serving as the CEO of NOCTI and NBS for over 18 years. McNally's appointment comes after an extensive selection process by both boards.

"Kathleen brings the required workforce education experience that serves CTE as it manifests in the public sector, government agencies, and business and industry to this position. Her energy and expertise will serve the clientele of NOCTI and NBS. I am grateful for Dr. Foster's service and look forward to working with them both through this transition," said Ed Bouquillon, Chairman of the NOCTI Board of Trustees.

McNally has experience teaching in CTE secondary and industry settings, as a CTE director, a training consultant, and later associate director of training for SkillsUSA, and a CTE teacher educator for Pennsylvania State University. She has held various critical positions at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), including serving as the project lead for the West Virginia Department of Education and as the Sphere of Innovation and School Improvement Specialist.

McNally expressed her excitement and said, "I am honored and humbled to work with such a talented staff, dedicated partners, and distinguished boards to move NOCTI and NBS forward through innovative thinking and value-driven partnerships. We take seriously our workforce development missions to serve the public and private sectors as think partners, collaborators, and advocates. Dr. Foster leaves a tremendous wealth of trusted partnerships and an enviable culture of respect and delight in our work. I am excited about the possibilities!"

Foster supports the appointment of McNally and said, "Kathleen's ability to think outside the box, her passion for CTE students and teachers, and her knowledge of instructional methodologies matches well with the mission of both NOCTI and NBS. I have authored and presented with Kathleen and have always been impressed with her understanding and advocacy for high-quality CTE."

During her transition, McNally and Foster will serve as dual leaders of the two organizations throughout the summer months. She will assume full responsibility for both organizations in the early fall of 2023.

About NOCTI/NBS

NOCTI is the nation's largest provider of industry certifications and industry-based career and technical education program credentials. NOCTI provides credible solutions for assessing student and teacher competence and provides detailed information that can be used for data-driven instructional improvement and to meet regulatory requirements. Nocti Business Solutions tailors performance assessments for each client's needs, helping them meet their goals through pre-employment testing, performance assessment, prior learning assessment, and customized job skills assessment. Both organizations also deliver certifications and credentials for numerous industry associations.