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Missy Henriksen Named Executive Director of the

Center for Energy Workforce Development

**WASHINGTON (November 20, 2019) –** Missy Henriksen last week was named executive director of the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD), which works with electric, natural gas, and nuclear companies and their associations to develop the skilled workforce pipeline to meet future energy industry needs. Henriksen will officially start on December 9, 2019.

“We are excited to welcome Missy as the new leader of this critical industry initiative,” said John Bruckner, chairman of CEWD and president of National Grid New York. “The energy industry is undergoing a major transformation and developing a highly qualified workforce is critical to the success of this transformation.”

Henriksen succeeds Ann Randazzo, who served as executive director at CEWD for more than 13 years before announcing her retirement in November.

“I want to thank Ann for her more than a decade of exemplary service to CEWD and wish her well in her retirement,” said Bruckner.

Henriksen was selected following a national search for an association executive with strong experience leading workforce development and certification initiatives. She most recently served as vice president of public affairs and workforce development at the National Association of Landscape Professionals (NALP) and as executive director of the NALP Foundation. Prior to joining NALP, she served as executive director of the Professional Pest Management Alliance, and, before that, as executive director of the American Composites Manufacturers Association.

“It truly is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the energy industry and help drive programs that are essential to attracting talent to the profession,” said Henriksen. “I look forward to working closely with the CEWD leadership and staff to continue the vital work that is being done to impact the industry’s future and to further enhancing CEWD’s impact on moving the needle on the industry’s workforce development agenda.”

Henricksen earned a Bachelor of Arts in communications and political science from the University of Virginia, and the Certified Association Executive accreditation from the American Society of Association Executives.

*Formed in March 2006, the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) is a non-profit consortium of electric, natural gas, and nuclear utilities and their associations — Edison Electric Institute, American Gas Association, American Public Power Association, Nuclear Energy Institute, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and Distribution Contractors Association. CEWD was formed to help utilities work together to develop solutions to the coming workforce shortage in the utility industry. It is the first partnership between utilities, their associations, contractors, and unions to focus on the need to build a skilled workforce pipeline that will meet future industry needs.*