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Kirsten Jakowitsch Named Assistant Director for Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas

Arlington, Texas — March 31, 2025— Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Kirsten Jakowitsch as the new Assistant Director for Workforce Solutions. With over 20 years of leadership experience in workforce development and higher education, Dr. Jakowitsch will provide strategic oversight and management for the department's initiatives, including workforce development programs and industry engagement activities, spanning a 14-county region.

In her new role, Dr. Jakowitsch will lead a team of more than 15 full-time professionals, collaborating closely with the Executive Director to align departmental goals with the organization's mission and strategic objectives. She will also oversee the development and delivery of job readiness training, as well as career placement services, ensuring these services are responsive to the evolving needs of the community and local industries.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Jakowitsch join our leadership team," said Phedra Redifer, Executive Director of WSNCT. "Her extensive background in workforce development and education, combined with her innovative approach to problem-solving and strategic planning, makes her uniquely qualified for this pivotal role. Dr. Jakowitsch's leadership will be instrumental in shaping the future of workforce services in our region, helping us to better serve job-seekers, employers, and families."

Dr. Jakowitsch's expertise spans strategic planning, community building, program development, and transformational change. Prior to her most recent appointment, she served as Senior Manager of Workforce Programs at WSNCT and held several senior leadership roles at Tarrant County College, where she led efforts in workforce training, childcare support, and community engagement. Her work has consistently focused on removing barriers to employment and career advancement, particularly for special populations, to foster a skilled and inclusive workforce.

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"I am honored to step into this role and look forward to working alongside WSNCT's talented leadership team to drive impactful workforce solutions for North Central Texas," said Dr. Jakowitsch. "Together, we will build on existing initiatives, enhance industry partnerships, and create pathways that connect individuals to meaningful careers and economic opportunity."

Dr. Jakowitsch earned a Bachelor of Vocational Education from San Diego State University, a Master's in Educational Technology Leadership from Lamar University, and a Doctorate in Higher Education from Texas Tech University. She has a proven track record of advancing workforce development initiatives and is passionate about addressing talent-adjacent challenges to support individuals in their journey to employment and self-sufficiency.

WSNCT is committed to providing workforce solutions that empower individuals, support families, and strengthen local industries across North Central Texas. Dr. Jakowitsch's leadership will help guide the organization as it continues to serve the region's workforce development needs.

About Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT)

Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas (WSNCT) is a non-profit organization that offers workforce development programs, childcare support services, and industry engagement initiatives across a 14-county region in North Central Texas. Our mission is to strengthen the local economy by connecting employers with skilled workers and providing individuals with the training and resources they need to succeed in their careers.

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