

For Immediate Release:

Center for Nonprofit Excellence Announces New Director of Agency Certification Program

West Palm Beach, FL (October 15, 2007) The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is proud to announce the appointment of Patricia S. Allard as the Director of Agency Certification. Ms. Allard is replacing Alexandria Douglas Bartolone, the founding director of the Agency Certification program.

Prior to her appointment, Patricia served as the Director of Volunteer Services and Project Leader for The Center. Pat comes to the Center for Nonprofit Excellence with an MBA and over seventeen years of professional experience in the nonprofit and for profit sectors. She worked in the sales and marketing arena for nearly 15 years, primarily in the Yellow Page industry. Pat held several sales positions of increasing responsibility before becoming a sales trainer for the Eastern Region of the US and then a District Sales Manager in Tampa, Florida.

In 2002 she moved to the West Palm Beach area and became involved in the non-profit sector as the Community Development Officer at an adolescent substance abuse program and within six months became the Executive Director and CEO of that same organization. Pat served in that capacity for three years before bringing her knowledge and expertise to the Center for Nonprofit Excellence.

Often referred to as 'The Center,' the Center for Nonprofit Excellence's mission is to promote quality and accountability in our nonprofit community through leadership development, education, and management services.

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency established by a coalition of public and private funders in January 2006 to strengthen the administrative and operational capacity of nonprofit organizations. The Center has three major divisions: Agency Certification, Education and Technical Assistance and a Management Support Organization.

For more information about Patricia and The Center's programs and services, contact Ann Reinert, Director of Operations & Marketing at 561.214.7435 or visit our website at www.mynonprofitcenter.org.

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