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MCBRE Appoints Heather Schwager as Executive Director

Corporate Executive Brings Extensive Experience to Innovative Educational Institution

Rockville, MD (April 14, 2008) -- The Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education (MCBRE) announced today the appointment of Heather Schwager as its new Executive Director.

“After an extensive search, we are excited to have selected Heather to lead MCBRE into a new era of expansion and growth,” said Jane Kubasik, who serves as Philanthropic Member and Chair of MCBRE’s Board of Advisors. “Heather brings more than 7 years of Corporate HR experience in *Fortune 500* companies to the position, and she has a real passion for making the impossible become reality,” Kubasik noted.

Prior to joining MCBRE, Schwager was most recently Vice President for Corporate Development and Communications at BuildingBlocks International (BBI), an international non-profit that partners with corporations to tap into their talent pools for public service. Her responsibilities included serving on the Brookings Institution’s Building Bridges Coalition Committee and seeking funding for BBI’s cutting-edge programs. Prior to BBI, Heather was a Senior Vice President at Marsh and McLennan in New York City, where as part of their leadership team she managed a team of HR professionals in support of 30 offices across the U.S.

Earlier in her career, Schwager spent five years with IBM Human Resources in Raleigh, San Francisco, and at the company’s headquarters in Westchester County, New York, where she partnered closely with the company’s senior management team on strategic planning, leadership development, and finding creative ways for IBM to attract and retain top talent.

Schwager is excited about her new role. “I am looking forward to working with Jane Kubasik and the MCBRE Board of Advisors as we embark on this exciting time of change,” Schwager said. “You will be hearing more about our organization’s plans and initiatives in the days ahead, as we focus on new tools and programs to further professionalize the educational field. This will enable us to deliver comprehensive learning opportunities to help students become better prepared for the future, while raising awareness of our efforts and MCBRE as an innovative educational organization.”

Schwager is a graduate of Vassar College in New York, and studied at The Sorbonne in Paris, France. She earned her Masters degree in Human Resource Management at The George Washington University in Washington, DC.

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About MCBRE: *The Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education (MCBRE) is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2002 by leading Montgomery County employers to promote excellence in public education by helping to connect classroom learning to the workplace. Through strategic business-education partnerships with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), MCBRE delivers comprehensive learning opportunities that help students grow and become better prepared for the future.*