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### **U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco to leave post in January**

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao today announced that Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco will leave her post in January. DeRocco has spent more than six years repositioning the nation's workforce investment system for the globally competitive economy.

"America's workers and employers have had a steadfast friend in Emily Stover DeRocco, who always has understood that it is essential to prepare our workforce for the rewarding opportunities that lay ahead," said Secretary Chao. "Emily transformed a \$10 billion social services agency into an economic development driver actively working to enhance workers' talents and prosperity. Her distinguished service will be missed by her colleagues in the Administration and scores of partners in workforce and economic development circles."

"The impacts of globalization and technology have made this period in our history one in which development of a more highly educated and skilled American worker is critical to the nation's competitiveness in the world economy," said DeRocco. "Our initiatives to enhance the employment and advancement opportunities for American workers have included creating High Growth Job Training Initiative partnerships, building the capacity of community colleges, and fueling talent development strategies in regional economies."

"It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the American people under President Bush's and Secretary Chao's leadership," said DeRocco. "I am grateful for and proud of the Employment and Training Administration's career officials and the colleagues I have worked with across the country."

As assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, DeRocco represented the United States in numerous international forums, and was named to and led boards and commissions in areas ranging from the future of the aerospace industry to the aging of the American workforce. Among her responsibilities, she chaired the Secretary of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education's panel on education and the workforce, and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Interagency Working Group on Manufacturing Education and Workforce Committee. She also vice chaired the Secretary of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Economic Adjustment Committee.

DeRocco was nominated by President George W. Bush on June 21, 2001, and confirmed by the United States Senate on August 3, 2001. Prior to her appointment at the U.S. Department of Labor, she served 11 years as executive director and chief operating officer of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies. During the 1980s, the Pennsylvania native represented Cabinet officers at the U.S. Departments of Interior and Energy. DeRocco will depart her current position on Jan. 3, 2008.

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