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The Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben announced the appointment of Cynthia L. Bauerly as Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development. Bauerly returns to Minnesota after serving in key leadership and management roles in Washington, D.C., most recently as a Commissioner of the Federal Election Commission and serving as Chair of the agency in 2011.

"We are incredibly excited to have Cynthia Bauerly join our team as Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development," said Commissioner Sieben, "Cynthia's leadership ability, and strong commitment to public service and organizational effectiveness, will be invaluable to our work at the department."

Bauerly has extensive experience in law, management, and public policy. As a Commissioner of the FEC, she is responsible for directing all substantive and administrative operations of the agency.

"It is a tremendous privilege to return to Minnesota to join Governor Dayton, Commissioner Sieben, and the staff of DEED in the important work of enhancing economic prosperity through workforce training and readiness," said Bauerly. "Ensuring that hard-working Minnesotans have the training and certification needed to fill the skill gap employers are facing is important to all Minnesotans."

Prior to her appointment to the Commission, Bauerly served as Legislative Director for United

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States Senator Charles E. Schumer of New York. In her role as Legislative Director, Bauerly developed and implemented a broad policy agenda including working with the Joint Economic Committee of Congress to assess and identify solutions for economic and employment challenges. She also coordinated initiatives to improve opportunities for employment and economic development in New York.

She has also worked in private practice in both Minnesota and Washington, D.C., most recently as a lawyer at Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis where her clients included large and small Minnesota businesses.

Bauerly grew up in Benton County, Minnesota, and worked in her family's road construction business during and after college. She graduated summa cum laude from Concordia College in Moorhead, graduated cum laude from Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, and received a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University's School of Environmental and Public Affairs.

Bauerly's resignation from the FEC is effective Feb. 1; she will assume her new role at DEED on Feb. 25.

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