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ECDC Appoints Interim Managing Director of ECDC/ACC Denver



Arlington, VA - The Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of **Jennifer Gueddiche** as Interim Managing Director of the ECDC/ACC Denver office effective September 5, 2018. Jennifer was the founding Managing Director of the ECDC/ACC Denver, serving from 2001 through 2015. She returns after spending two years as the Director of Programs at the Spring Institute for International Studies focusing on family and travel.

Jennifer has worked with refugee and immigrant programs in Colorado since 1998 and has successfully developed several employment readiness, social services, and youth development programs in the metro area. She is active in the local community as an advocate for refugee and immigrant issues and brings both the needed skills to manage the organization through this transitional period, as well as the intimate knowledge of the history of ECDC's ACC Denver office with her.

Jennifer received a BA in Political Science from Purdue University and an MA in International Studies from the University of Denver. She has studied both French and Arabic abroad and is currently the Co-Chair of the City of Denver's Immigrant and Refugee Commission.

Dr. Tsehaye Teferra, ECDC's CEO & President stated, "I'm pleased Jennifer has rejoined ECDC during this challenging period for immigrants and refugees. I am confident Jennifer's previous experience at ECDC's ACC Denver office coupled with her deep knowledge of our partners and the community we serve will enable us to continue to have a significant positive impact on the lives and wellbeing of the refugee and immigrant community in Denver and the surrounding region. We welcome back Jennifer as we embark on our next chapter with renewed focus, a strong commitment to our mission, and an incredible team of dedicated employees."

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ECDC is one of nine resettlement agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland.