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CARRIE PORTIS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SF WORKS

San Francisco, May 16, 2008 - Carrie Portis has been selected as the new executive director of SF Works, effective April 7. Most recently, Portis was chief of staff of the Stupski Foundation, founded by Larry and Joyce Stupski to improve the nation's urban school districts.

Prior to her work in philanthropy, Portis was director of enterprise development at Rubicon Programs, where she created model workforce development and community-based businesses, including the highly regarded Rubicon Bakery.

Portis says that "in creating Rubicon Bakery, I really saw the power of work. SF Works creates workforce solutions for San Francisco's business community and low-wage workers. I'm excited to join an organization that enables workplaces to be places of economic and personal transformation."

The search committee was led by SF Works' advisory board members Eunice Azzani with Korn/Ferry International and Art Cimento. Cimento cited Portis's social enterprise and managerial experience as reasons for her selection: "Carrie is a pioneer in the field of social entrepreneurship. She not only understands our value to the business community and low-wage workers, she knows how to grow and lead a nonprofit business."

SF Works was founded in 1997 by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Bay Area and the Committee on Jobs as the business community's response to welfare to work. "SF Works' new focus is to build programs that directly benefit employers while connecting employees to benefits and skill-building opportunities," says Steve Falk, president & CEO of the Chamber of Commerce. "Carrie's business acumen is a perfect fit for delivering on that plan."

Portis will direct a seven-person staff that is recognized locally and nationally for its innovation in workforce development. She replaces Theresa (Terri) Feeley, who stepped down after seven years as executive director, and who remains on staff as senior advisor, focused on public policy

Portis holds an MBA from Stanford University Graduate School of Business and BA from Wellesley College.

About SF Works: SF Works builds the careers and self-sufficiency of entry-tier and low-income workers, aligning business, civic and community motives to create new workforce policies and practices. Its programs respond to both employees' aspirations for self-sufficiency and advancement, and to employers' demands for return on investment. SF Works' goal is to create a vibrant, motivated and self-sufficient workforce in San Francisco.

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