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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **OWINN WELCOMES AMY FLEMING AS PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST**

**Las Vegas / Carson City, NV (March 22, 2021)** - Isla Young, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN), announced that Amy Fleming, Director of Workforce Development at the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), will join the OWINN staff as a Program Development and Engagement Specialist. Her first day will be March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

At EDAWN, Fleming was responsible for designing and implementing a robust community workforce plan throughout the Reno region. Bringing her economic development background to the position, she focused on aligning the regional workforce development system to meet employer needs; identified and minimized skills gaps; built stronger connections among industry, education, and workforce resources; expanded access to skilled talent; and prepared the community for the impacts of robotics and automation.

The OWINN team is excited to welcome Amy R. Fleming as OWINN's newest staff member. "I am super excited as Amy brings such a wealth of experience around economic development, employer engagement, and program management. Her experience will be key as OWINN develops innovative and meaningful workforce development programs and engagement strategies for Nevadans," said Isla Young, OWINN Executive Director.

Prior to moving back home to Nevada, she served in various roles, most notably as Program Manager for Competitiveness and Economic Development for Professor Michael Porter at the Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at Harvard Business School. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Minor in Music from the University of Nevada, Reno, and also serves as the Director of the High Desert Harmony Chorus. Amy lives in Reno with her husband and two young girls.

### **About OWINN**

OWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the state of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce development. Its chief objectives are to prepare all K-12 students for college and career success, increase the number of Nevadans with postsecondary degrees and credentials, and boost employment outcomes in training and credentialing programs.