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Lilly Endowment Names New Director of Evaluation

INDIANAPOLIS – Jaclyn P. Dowd will join Lilly Endowment Inc. as director of evaluation, effective Feb. 1, 2016. She will bring to the Endowment more than a decade of experience in career and workforce development strategy with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and in higher education.

Dowd will work with staff and grantees of the Endowment in all areas of its philanthropic commitment, including community development, education, religion and youth programs. Through research and assessment, Dowd will help the Endowment further its longstanding dedication to effective grantmaking.

Dowd most recently served the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (IDWD) as chief operating officer for workforce and as executive director of the Indiana Career Council. Her tenure in state government began in 2009 during the administration of Gov. Mitch Daniels. She directed educational and training programs within IDWD.

Dowd holds an MBA from Butler University, where she served as manager of employer development for the school's office of internship and career services (2004-2009). In addition, she is a graduate of the Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

“Jackie brings impressive organizational, research and analytical skills along with a dedication to the causes the Endowment supports,” said N. Clay Robbins, chairman, president and CEO of the Endowment. “We look forward to her help in understanding more deeply the results of the Endowment’s grantmaking”

Dowd is a native of Indianapolis and lives in Fishers, IN.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly and his two sons, Eli and J.K. Jr., with gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical company. The Endowment, which maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis and its home state, Indiana, is primarily committed to the causes of community development, education and religion.