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RECEPTION TO WELCOME NEW CORRIDOR RESIDENTS: Professional and Technical Diversity Network Event to Feature Noted Area Attorney, Carroll Reasoner

[CEDAR RAPIDS] – The Professional and Technical Diversity Network (PTDN) of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City will host a Corridor Welcome Reception this month. PTDN will host the reception at the Iowa Children’s Museum in the Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville Thursday, Jan. 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome at the free activity.

Refreshments will be served at the Jan. 26 event, with a special presentation from Carroll Reasoner of the Shuttleworth & Ingersoll law firm. Reasoner’s program will highlight “Women in Iowa’s Legal History.”

Reasoner earned B.A. and law degrees from the University of Iowa and the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania. She has been a board member and partner of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll since the mid-1980s and also serves as the firm’s marketing director.

In nearly three decades, Reasoner has earned many honors in eastern Iowa practice including her choice as Woman of the Year at the 1992 Women’s Equality Day ceremonies and the YWCA Tribute to Women of Achievement in both 1984 and 1995. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Iowa in 1992, and she served as chairperson of the University of Iowa Foundation from 2000 to 2003.

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Newcomers to the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Technology Corridor are especially encouraged to attend the Jan. 26 event. PTDN encourages networking and sharing professional contacts as part of all their Corridor Welcome Receptions.

This reception continues PTDN's nearly six year commitment of advocating for diversity in the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Technology Corridor™. In February 2000, eastern Iowa community leaders launched the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City PTDN nonprofit chapter to nurture and celebrate diversity as well as help attract, retain and develop diverse employees in the Corridor.

PTDN activities include networking opportunities to connect new employees to resources and people in Corridor communities. The board of directors, representing private sector businesses and nonprofit organizations throughout the Technology Corridor are committed to support diversity through a collaborative, non-competitive approach to recruit, develop and retain a diverse employee base.

Businesses and organizations supporting PTDN include: AEGON USA, Alliant Energy, Bankers Advertising/TruArt, Cedar Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and Priority One, Cedar Rapids Community Schools, Coe College and Sodexo Catering, Frontier Natural Products Co-Op, Gazette Communications, Howard R. Green, Iowa City Area Development Group, the Iowa City Area Association of REALTORS®, Iowa College Foundation, Iowa City Community School District, Department of Veterans Affairs Iowa City Health Care System, Kirkwood Community College, Panera Bread Bakery-Cafes, Pearson Educational Measurement, Procter & Gamble, Oral-B, Rockwell Collins, Sales Associates of Cedar Rapids, Virtual Interactive Families, Wells Fargo and The University of Iowa.

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