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**Commonwealth Corporation Board Names Linda Rohrer as Interim President;  
President Jonathan Raymond Resigns to Accept Charlotte, North Carolina Education  
Post**

Director of the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development and Chair of the Commonwealth Corporation Board of Directors Jane C. Edmonds has named CommCorp's vice president for workforce innovation Linda Rohrer as interim president of the quasi-public agency effective November 11, 2006. Rohrer replaces president Jonathan Raymond, who resigned his position to accept a job as chief accountability officer/assistant superintendent for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public School system in North Carolina.

"Jonathan Raymond will be hard to replace. He has made significant impact during his nearly seven years as president of Commonwealth Corporation, helping secure important resources for Massachusetts workforce training and education and overseeing the expansion of at-risk youth programming in the Commonwealth," said Edmonds. "Yet I know that during this period of transition, Linda Rohrer brings a wealth of experience to guide the tremendous work of Commonwealth Corporation."

Rohrer has been involved in the workforce development arena for more than 20 years, 12 of which have been at CommCorp.

Last year, Raymond was selected as a Fellow of the Broad Academy, a rigorous executive management training program which prepares CEOs and senior executives to lead urban public school systems. In his new post as chief accountability officer/assistant superintendent, Raymond will help oversee one of the largest school districts in the country, with 128,000 students.

Selection of a permanent president for CommCorp will be conducted by a search committee comprised primarily of members of its board of directors, with representation from CommCorp staff.

CommCorp has a 25-year history in Massachusetts of developing education and workforce development programs. CommCorp's 60-person staff manages more than a dozen different programs for youth and adults, using research and evaluation to create evidence-based programs. The quasi-public agency receives financial support from the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development.

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