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Workforce Development Agency Director Christine Quinn accepts U.S. Department of Labor regional administrator post *Quinn stepping down after leading WDA since 2012*

October 15, 2015 – Michigan [Workforce Development Agency](http://www.michigan.gov/tia) Director Christine Quinn is resigning from her position to become regional administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training.

She will be headquartered at the Department of Labor’s regional office in Chicago, and assumes her new duties Nov. 30.

In her new position, Quinn will manage a team that oversees a 10-state region, which includes Michigan. The regional office ensures that employment and training programs at the state level reflect the political and socio-economic conditions that impact state and local economies.

“Michigan has been fortunate to have someone of Christine’s caliber spearheading these critical workforce development initiatives,” said Stephanie Comai, director of Michigan’s Talent Investment Agency, which includes the Workforce Development Agency. “She has a genuine passion for helping workers to succeed in this changing economy and for helping employers to meet their talent needs. On behalf of our entire agency, I wish her all the best.”

Among Quinn’s most notable accomplishments are the development of the highly successful [Skilled Trades Training Fund](#), which provides competitive grants for employer-responsive training; and the adoption of the Business Solutions Professional Certification Training initiative within the Michigan Works! system, for which she earned national recognition.

She previously served as president of South Central Michigan Works! for 10 years and also served as executive director of the Clinton County Task Force on Employment. In addition, Quinn has held leadership positions at several advocacy and community organizations including the Arthritis Foundation of Central Michigan, the North Ottawa Council on Aging, and the Oceana County Council on Aging.

She earned a degree from Ferris State University and holds several specialized certifications in strategic planning and foresight, business services and workforce development. She also is a member of numerous economic and workforce development committees and organizations.

Stephanie Beckhorn, who currently serves as director of programs for the Workforce Development Agency, was named acting director by Comai.

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