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DWSD APPOINTS ITS FIRST CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) today named its first Chief Financial Officer (CFO), said DWSD Director Sue F. McCormick.

Nicolette Bateson, a certified public accountant, will begin her work as the department's CFO today. Bateson comes to DWSD with extensive financial experience. In the public sector, she served as Assistant City Manager/Finance Director with the City of Northville, Michigan. She also was an audit supervisor with a national accounting firm; was an independent financial consultant; and most recently was a visiting specialist for the State and Local Government Program with Michigan State University Extension Service.

"Ms. Bateson is well recognized in her profession and brings relevant experience to DWSD," said McCormick. "She has worked with organizations transitioning from government agencies to independent operations; with public agencies moving through substantial restructuring; and with public agencies attaining operational and financial sustainability within reduced resources."

Bateson holds a bachelor's of business administration degree in professional accounting from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a master's of public administration degree in government management from Eastern Michigan University.

DWSD supplies high-quality drinking water to Detroit and 126 communities in southeast Michigan. The Department provides wastewater services to Detroit and 76 other southeast Michigan communities.

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