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National Able Network Appoints New President & CEO
Bridget Altenburg to become the organization's new chief executive

CHICAGO (January 2018) – Bridget Altenburg has been appointed as President & CEO of leading workforce development nonprofit, National Able Network. Ms. Altenburg has served as the organization's Chief Operating Officer since 2013, and will succeed Grace Powers as the organization's third chief executive in its 40-year history.

"In my first days here, what stood out most was the incredible culture of the organization," Ms. Altenburg said, "Everyone was doing the same thing: trying to help. With all of the different circumstances and needs of our clients, that is not an easy thing to do."

As a former engineer officer in the United States Army, Ms. Altenburg initially found common ground with National Able Network's military-to-civilian career transition program, Veterans Forward, while affiliated with a partnering nonprofit organization. As she learned more about the expansive and complex programming that National Able Network offers in addition to the Veterans Forward program, Ms. Altenburg discovered the tremendous need for career transition support not just for veterans, but for all job seekers.

In 2013, Ms. Altenburg joined National Able Network as Chief Operating Officer, and drew upon her self-described mistakes as a job seeker to build the foundation for many of the organization's innovative job search training and career transition support offerings.

"As job search becomes increasingly technical, we risk leaving people behind who have the skills for the job, but struggle to navigate the hiring process. National Able Network will continue to offer cutting-edge resources that address systemic challenges, help our job seekers build and showcase their skills, and help our employers build their workforce," Altenburg says, continuing, "Grace has led this organization through incredible challenges including the Great Recession, sequestration, and a government shutdown. I look forward to continuing her legacy at this great organization."

At National Able Network, our mission is to help make careers happen. Each client receives personalized career supports that integrate career coaching, specialized training, and direct connections to the job market. Our programs are designed to assist jobseekers from all backgrounds, including the unemployed, career changers, military veterans, seniors, and aspiring IT professionals. Each year, National Able Network provides service to nearly 76,000 individuals in Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Nebraska.

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