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Networks Northwest CEO Recognized As Champion of Workforce Development

TRAVERSE CITY, MI—Networks Northwest CEO, Elaine Wood, has received the 2017 Champion of Workforce Development Award from the Michigan Works! Association. Wood was recognized for her service, dedication to, and long-time support of the Michigan Works! program. The award was presented September 11 at the Michigan Works! Association annual statewide conference in Mt. Pleasant.

“Champions of Workforce Development are honored agency leaders who exemplify the highest standards of leadership and who have made significant contributions to workforce development in Michigan,” said Luann Dunsford, chief executive officer of the Michigan Works! Association. “Elaine Wood is a perfect choice as she has truly dedicated her career to helping others better their lives through Michigan Works! programs.”

Wood has 43 years of experience in education, management and strategic leadership in the public and private sectors. She received the Ralph Loeschner Outstanding Service award from the Michigan Works! Association in 2014.

“Elaine’s contributions to the Michigan Works! program and its participants over the last four decades will be felt for years to come. She is a great member of the Michigan Works! family and we are happy to celebrate her service to the Northwest region,” said Dunsford.

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