

Senior Vice President at First National Nebraska Cara James Joins NET Foundations Board

LINCOLN, Neb. (Sept. 24, 2009) -- Cara James of LaVista recently joined the NET Foundation for Television and the NET Foundation for Radio board of directors.

James is senior vice president and director of corporate compliance for First National Nebraska, where she has been employed since 2006. She brought more than 17 years of banking experience to First National, where she is responsible for coordinating the regulatory compliance risk management program.

Previously James served as senior vice president and chief compliance officer for BOK Financial, a regional financial services company based in Tulsa.

She also held various positions in the audit, mortgage, and corporate compliance departments.

Prior to her career in banking, James' experience included the practice of public accounting in national and regional accounting firms.

James is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager and a member of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs.

"Cara James is a great strategic fit for the NET Foundations Board," said Jeff Beckman, executive director of the NET Foundation for Television and the NET Foundation for Radio. "Cara represents one of the most dynamic financial institutions in Nebraska, which coincides well with the Foundations' strategy to add strong corporate representation, particularly in Omaha, to our board of directors. Plus Cara has a passion for public broadcasting. This combination will be a tremendous asset to the future leadership of the NET Foundations.

The NET Foundation for Radio and the NET Foundation for Television are the statewide nonprofit 501(c)(3) citizen support organizations chartered to assist the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission to establish and operate NET Radio and NET Television.

Members of the NET Foundations Board are committed to NET's mission and objectives, support public television and radio in Nebraska and advocate on behalf of the organization.

NET Television, NET Radio, NET Learning Services and NET Technology Services are all services of NET. For more information about NET, visit the Web site at netNebraska.org.

RELEASE WRITTEN BY: Michelle DeRusha, 402-472-9333, ext. 391, or e-mail at mderusha@netNebraska.org.