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OSIT ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

CARSON CITY, NV (June 21, 2018) – Brian Mitchell, Director of the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT), was pleased to announce the hiring of Tracey Gaffney as OSIT's new STEM Program Manager. Tracey replaces the departing Jodi Bass on OSIT's staff.

"I'm excited to welcome Tracey to the OSIT team," **said OSIT Director Brian Mitchell.** "Tracey brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in STEM classroom instruction and teacher development. I am confident she will be an asset to schools across the State as we work to grow awareness, interest, and achievement in STEM."

The STEM Program Manager at OSIT works with teachers and administrators to implement best practices in STEM classroom instruction as well as with schools seeking to receive the Governor's STEM School designation. The STEM Program Manager also manages OSIT's grants and funding opportunities.

"I'm honored to take part in the important work this office is doing. I look forward to engaging more Nevadans in STEM through innovative systems and opportunities," **said Tracey Gaffney.**

Gaffney previously worked as an elementary teacher and as a STEM Instructional Specialist in the Washoe County School District with a focus on Project-Based Learning. She holds a Master of Education in Elementary Education and a Master of Science in STEM Education, the latter of which she earned as part of the Lemelson Cohort IV at the University of Nevada, Reno.

About OSIT- The mission of OSIT is to coordinate, support, and align efforts by K-12 and higher education, workforce development and employers to improve science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and STEM workforce development so that Nevada's workforce can meet the demands of its growing economy. Additionally, OSIT seeks to coordinate and align state efforts to facilitate and promote broadband services, and expand IT infrastructure to Nevada's schools, healthcare institutions, and departments of public safety. OSIT also leads the Nevada STEM Advisory Council, Nevada Telecommunications Advisory Council, applies for federal funding, and administers State STEM and broadband grants.

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