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Boutté named LOSFA Assistant Executive Director for Programs and Chief Operations Officer

BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) has named Dr. Sujuan Boutté as Assistant Executive Director for Programs and Chief Operations Officer of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA).

Boutté returns to LOSFA after a two-year stint at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality where she served as a Workforce Planning Executive Consultant.

Prior to that, Boutté was LOSFA's Chief Research and Planning Officer. During her tenure, she was instrumental in conforming the agency's strategic plan to statutory and regulatory standards. Subsequently she established procedures to ensure that the agency's strategic plan, operating plan and performance standards remain consistent and that the agency's performance indicators are properly and timely reported.

"We are very fortunate to have Dr. Boutté back at LOSFA," said Executive Director Melanie Amrhein. "She has the energy, vision and experience that is critical to the mission of our agency and I am looking forward to the direction she will provide to her divisions."

As Assistant Executive Director for Programs and Chief Operations Officer, Boutté will oversee the agency's Scholarship and Grants, START, Information Technology, and Loan Operations divisions. She assumed her new duties on July 30, 2007.

A former educator with a bachelor's, master's specialist's and doctorate degree in education from Northwestern State University (NSU), Boutté has 27 years experience in education and high level management positions. She served with the Louisiana

Department of Labor (LDOL) for more than seven years, where she provided oversight of the federal job-training program, in addition to managing the Employment Services Program, the Community Service Block Grant Program and the Incumbent Worker Training Program.

Prior to her LDOL work, Boutté served for more than two years as Director of Public Service for NSU and for one year as coordinator of IBM's Teacher Training in Technology Program – where she forged partnerships with cable, phone and emerging technology companies to aid in teacher training.

Boutté began her career as a teacher at NSU's Lab school, where she served for 13 years.

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