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**LYNN HARKIN APPOINTED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

DES MOINES, Iowa – Association Management, Ltd. (AML), recently appointed Lynn Harkin as Executive Director of the National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA). Lynn is an Account Executive at AML, assigned to multiple association clients for AML. Since 1995, AML has provided management for NREDA, a national professional association with over 250 members.

“Lynn has been on staff at AML since 2001. Her vast association management experience, leadership and communication skills make her an excellent leader of the NREDA staff team,” said AML President Molly Lopez, CAE. “In addition to her other AML responsibilities with state association clients, we are thrilled to appoint Lynn to the Executive Director role with one of our national association clients.”

NREDA's mission is to provide education, advocacy and networking opportunities to rural and suburban utilities and affiliated organizations. NREDA is an individual-member, professional organization dedicated exclusively to the advancement of rural development, the development of member proficiency, and achievement of social and human service objectives in rural areas. NREDA's 250+ national membership base is comprised primarily of, but not limited to, development professionals working for rural utility organizations. Please visit [www.nreda.org](http://www.nreda.org).

“We are excited to work with Lynn as NREDA continues to achieve our goals,” said Pat Merritt, NREDA President. “Lynn’s personality, strategic focus and member-service attitude make her a perfect fit to lead the NREDA staff team at AML.”

Harkin lives in Ankeny, Iowa, with her husband, Jim. Their son, Paul (19), is a freshman and daughter, Anna (22), is a senior at the University of Northern Iowa. Harkin is very active in her community, and enjoys volunteering at her church, meeting with her book club and spending time with family.

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