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**Heartlands International, Inc. Announces:**

The Board of Directors of Heartlands International, Inc. is pleased to announce its appointment of Ms. Susan Wobst as the new President. She will move the organization beyond start-up phase toward its potential in fostering strong communities with dynamic, responsive social structures in the United States and internationally.

“Heartlands has built a good foundation over its first five years with unique, effective approaches to the development of local workforces and philanthropic education relating to international disasters,” says Ms. Wobst. “For historic reasons, we will soon be changing the name of Heartlands and clarifying our purpose and major strategic directions to propel our growth.”

Dr. Wobst has expertise in community-generated solutions to social and environmental issues, and institutional and leadership development in education, small business, civic sector and women’s progress. Her background includes nonprofit program and executive leadership, grant making, consulting and teaching.