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## Colorado PERA Hires New Director of Human Resources

DENVER—Colorado PERA recently named Sharyl Harston as its Director of Human Resources. Harston began her new responsibilities November 3, 2003.

For the past four years, Harston has been a human resources and organizational and leadership development consultant with her own company, AlphaLeader. Before that, she worked as vice-president of human resources at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Colorado and Petroleum Information Corporation.

Harston earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Northridge. She is currently working on her master's degree in applied communications at the University of Denver. Harston was a flex staff member of the Mountain States Employers Council.

"The chance to finish my career at PERA is like a dream come true," said Harston. "PERA represents a unique opportunity to work in a great organization doing what I love to do."

Harston replaces Patricia Bell who retired in August. Harston filled the role of Director of Human Resources at PERA on an interim basis.

Colorado PERA provides retirement and other benefits to the employees of over 390 government and public entities in the state of Colorado. PERA is the 23rd largest public pension fund in the nation with over \$27 billion in assets.

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