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Emerge Wisconsin Announces New Executive Director

Madison – Emerge Wisconsin is proud to announce Wendy Strout as its new Executive Director. Wendy has been serving in a consulting capacity as the Program Coordinator since September 2009.

“We are absolutely thrilled to have Wendy join our team in a leadership role. Her commitment to ensuring more Democratic women run for office is evident in her energy and passion for this work. We are confident that Emerge Wisconsin will continue to build on its success with Wendy at the helm” said Michelle McGrorty, current Board Chair.

Wendy Strout has been working in Democratic politics since 1992. Since then, she has worked on Congressional Races in Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Arkansas in various roles, including Finance Director. Wendy also worked as a fundraiser in 2002, for Governor Doyle’s successful gubernatorial campaign. She has also worked as the political organizer for AFSCME in Southeast Wisconsin. Most recently, Wendy served as the Director for the Wisconsin Civic Engagement Project (now Wisconsin Voices).

“I am excited to continue working with Emerge to ensure that the number of Democratic women running for elected office in Wisconsin continues to grow. I am looking forward to working with the Emerge Board, Advisors and supporters to increase the number of Emerge Alumnae that are serving in local and state elected offices,” stated Strout.

Launched in 2007, Emerge is the only organization in Wisconsin and one of only two in the country that provides Democratic women with the comprehensive training they need to achieve their political aspirations. Emerge Wisconsin is part of Emerge America, a national movement to address the under-representation of women in office at the local, state, and federal level. There are Emerge affiliates in nine states: Arizona, California, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, and Wisconsin. Emerge was founded to create a legion of Democratic women leaders for generations to come.

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