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RMC VP Selected to Serve as NEKIA's Board Chair

WASHINGTON, DC – M. Christine Dwyer, senior vice president of RMC Research, has been selected to serve as chair of the board of directors of the National Education Knowledge Industry Association (NEKIA).

NEKIA's board selected Dwyer for the one-year appointment. She succeeds Wes Hoover, the president and CEO of the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (SEDL).

"I am very proud to serve NEKIA during this dynamic time," Dwyer said. "I look forward to working with the association's board and staff to ensure education knowledge and research is utilized in classrooms across America."

Dwyer's experience includes program and policy evaluations, design of indicators to measure progress and attainment, and development of products for use in training and technical assistance in education programs. Over her 35-five year career, she has focused on early childhood education and early literacy, intergenerational literacy, school reform, media, and arts and culture.

Dwyer leads RMC's subcontracts with the LAB at Brown University and with Abt Associates on the Reading First Impact study. Work with the regional laboratory has focused on state and district policies related to low-performing schools.

"NEKIA is very fortunate to have Chris as our 2005 board chair," said NEKIA President Jim Kohlmoos. "She brings to NEKIA an in-depth understanding of the issues facing our nation's schools and how they can be improved through the utilization of education knowledge and evidence."

Dwyer has a longstanding interest in the arts and has carried out studies for numerous private foundations, including Pew, Ford, Rockefeller, and Wallace. She was appointed by two of New Hampshire's governors to chair the state's Arts Council, serves as an arts commissioner in Portsmouth NH where she lives, and is a trustee for the Currier Museum of Art.

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About NEKIA

Founded in 1997, NEKIA is a non-partisan, non-profit trade association representing the emerging knowledge industry. NEKIA's mission is to advance the development and use of research-based knowledge for the improvement of all children. The association's members are committed to finding new and better ways to support and expand high-quality education research, development, dissemination, technical assistance, and evaluation at the federal, regional, state, tribal, and local levels.

About RMC Research

RMC Research is a national firm engaged in research and consultation in areas related to the well-being of families, children, and communities, specifically education, the arts, literacy, media, and health care and prevention. RMC has offices in Portsmouth, NH; Arlington, VA; Tampa, FL; Denver, CO; Portland, OR; and Long Beach, CA.