



The National GEM Consortium Announces Interim Executive Director

National diversity graduate education non-profit announces GM executive has been named Interim Executive Director.

Notre Dame, IN ([PRWEB](#)) February 16, 2005 -- Ronald E. Goldsberry, Ph.D., President of The National GEM Consortium, announced the departure of Sandra D. Johnson from the position of Executive Director. Milton E. Fletcher has been named Interim Executive Director of GEM. Fletcher is currently Vice Chairman of GEM's Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Manager of Global Human Resources at General Motors Corporation in Warren, Michigan.

"Although Ms. Johnson's tenure as executive director has ended, I and the board of directors are grateful for her contributions to GEM. We wish her the very best," he said.

Goldsberry added he and Executive Committee leadership will fully support GEM staff during the transition, and he is pleased to have someone of Fletcher's caliber in place. Fletcher's career spans more than 30 years with General Motors where he was appointed to his current position in 2001. Beginning in 1973 as a Process Engineer in the Assembly Division he progressed to human resource management in the early 1980s. From 1992 to 1996 he served as Manager of Human Resources and as Personnel Director of the Powertrain plant for Saturn Corporation, a General Motors subsidiary.

Fletcher also has 15 years of experience with GEM as General Motors' key liaison to the organization. Offices held on the Executive Committee during this time including Human Resources Chair, Marketing Chair, and most recently Vice President of Human Resources. "It is humbling to be considered for this role," Fletcher said. "I have a dedicated staff to work with and exciting projects to begin implementing in service to our many constituencies."

Goldsberry said, "I have had the pleasure of working very closely with Milton Fletcher on key projects, including GEM's newly revised organizational structure. His long career in management and years of service to GEM speaks to his commitment and his ability to lead the organization at this time.

GEM is an extremely vital and much needed organization; our work to enhance the value of the nation's human capital by increasing the participation of African Americans, American Indians, and Hispanic Americans at the master's and doctoral levels in engineering and science continues uninterrupted."

The National GEM Consortium (www.gemfellowship.org) is a nonprofit corporation with more than 2500 alumni of the organization's M.S. Engineering, Ph.D. Engineering, and Ph.D. Science fellowship programs. Headquartered at the University of Notre Dame, GEM is a consortium of universities, corporations, United States government laboratories, and research centers. Since 1976 GEM is recognized as a leader in developing diverse talent with advanced technical degrees.

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