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## **Sara Tompkins Named Vice President of ECDC's National Resettlement Program**

ECDC announced today that Sara Tompkins will assume the role of Vice President with oversight of ECDC's resettlement program.

"We are pleased to have Sara join us as Vice President of our resettlement program as she brings a wealth of experience in implementing refugee programs both at the federal and local level," said Dr. Tsehaye Teferra, president of ECDC.

Most recently, Ms. Tompkins served as a Program Officer at the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. Prior to that, she managed ECDC's Arlington branch office where she oversaw the implementation of a wide range of programs serving refugees and immigrants. Ms. Tompkins is an attorney with 13 years of experience working with refugees and immigrants.

"It is a privilege to return to ECDC as Vice President. ECDC's unique strength lies in its tradition of empowering African refugees and immigrants to serve newcomers in their communities," said Ms. Tompkins. "ECDC has helped thousands of refugees flee persecution and start new lives in the U.S., and I am honored to be included in this lifesaving endeavor."

### **About ECDC**

ECDC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) located in Arlington, Virginia. ECDC resettles refugees and promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development in refugee and immigrant communities across the country.