



## **Statement by ASTC President and CEO Anthony (Bud) Rock on IMLS Nominee Dr. Kathryn Matthew**

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"I am delighted that President Obama has announced his intention to nominate Dr. Kathryn Matthew to serve as the director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

"During a career that has included tenures in the corporate, foundation, and museum realms, Dr. Matthew has accumulated a wealth of experience that will serve her – and the museum field – well in her important new role. As a result of her time working in various capacities for ASTC members like Science City at Union Station, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, the Virginia Museum of Natural History, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, I believe Dr. Matthew will bring to the agency an exciting perspective regarding the importance of engaging visitors of all ages and backgrounds in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

"I am hopeful that the United States Senate will act promptly on her nomination. ASTC deeply appreciates the vital work of IMLS and the Association and the informal science education field look forward to working closely with Dr. Matthew in the future."

The official White House press release announcing Dr. Matthew's nomination is available [here](#).

### About ASTC

The Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) is a global organization providing collective voice, professional support, and programming opportunities for science centers, museums, and related institutions, whose innovative approaches to science learning inspire people of all ages about the wonders and the meaning of science in their lives. Through strategic alliances and global partnerships, ASTC strives to increase awareness of the valuable contributions its members make to their communities and the field of informal STEM learning. Founded in 1973, ASTC now represents over 630 members in nearly 50 countries, including not only science centers and museums, but also nature centers, aquariums, planetariums, zoos, botanical gardens, and natural history and children's museums, as well as companies, consultants, and other organizations that share an interest in informal science education. For more information about ASTC, or to find a science center near you, visit [www.astc.org](http://www.astc.org).

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