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Institute for Emerging Issues Names Anita Brown-Graham as Director

RALEIGH, N.C., October 31, 2006 – The Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI), a think-and-do tank at North Carolina State University, announces the appointment of Anita Brown-Graham as director. Brown-Graham brings to IEI extensive experience in working with communities and leaders across North Carolina on local and statewide economic development issues.

“Anita really demonstrates the think-and-do spirit, which is at the heart of the Institute’s mission. I am so impressed with the leadership that she brings and her strong commitment to North Carolina’s future,” says former Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., Chair, IEI National Advisory Board. “Her relationships across the state and with organizations around the country will be invaluable to the important work that IEI is doing in economic development, education, business, finance, technology and healthcare.”

Brown-Graham has an excellent reputation for her hands-on work with public, private and not-for-profit sector leaders across the state. In particular, her work with government officials for 12 years at UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Government and her tenure in 2001 as a policy advisor to N.C. Department of Commerce Secretary Jim Fain and Gov. Mike Easley, give her a unique perspective on the economic development and public policy issues core to the work of IEI.

“The Institute for Emerging Issues plays an important role in what we do at N.C. State by creating innovative solutions that benefit our society,” said Chancellor James Oblinger. “Anita’s wealth of experience in public policy and community development makes her an excellent choice for director, and we look forward to her leadership and guidance in fulfilling the mission of the Institute.”

In addition, her civic efforts at the national level with the Council on Foundations and on international issues as a 2005 Eisenhower Fellow and 2004 American Marshall Memorial Fellow, give her a national and international perspective that is extremely valuable for IEI as it aspires to achieve national recognition for its work.

Brown-Graham’s scholarly work includes teaching and publishing as Professor of Public Law and Government at UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Government and adjunct professor at UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Law.

Brown-Graham will begin her work as director of the Institute for Emerging Issues on Jan. 1, 2007.

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About IEI

The Institute for Emerging Issues is a think and-do tank at North Carolina State University. The Institute serves as a catalyst for innovative public policy through its research, ideas, debate and action that encourages civic leadership in business, government and higher education.

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