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## **Tallman promoted to interim leader of CU's Tech Transfer**

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DENVER ? Kate Tallman, senior director for the University of Colorado's Technology Transfer Office (TTO) at the Boulder and Colorado Springs campuses, has been named Interim Associate Vice President of Technology Transfer for CU.

Patrick O'Rourke, vice president, university counsel and secretary to the CU Board of Regents, announced the promotion, which took effect July 1.

Tallman succeeds Tom Smerdon, who served in the same role since last August, when David Allen, associate vice president for Technology Transfer, left the university. Smerdon is pursuing new opportunities in his home state of Texas.

?I am excited that Kate has agreed to lead the office,? O'Rourke said of Tallman, who has been with TTO since 2002. ?During her time there, invention, patent and licensing activity on the Boulder campus has more than doubled, enabled by constant innovation in business practices.?

O'Rourke said he is grateful for Smerdon's service, especially over the last year while he led the office. ?During his tenure, Tom expanded the support for industry research initiatives, maintained key relationships, and streamlined agreement templates.?

Tallman will continue to focus on enhancing the pipeline of high-value intellectual properties and help define the role of innovation management in collaborative development opportunities with industry.

She previously was director of marketing and co-founder of Roving Planet, a venture-backed Colorado software company specializing in wireless LAN technology; it was later acquired by 3Com, then HP. She earned her MBA from CU-Boulder's Leeds College of Business, where she focused on marketing. She previously spent four years as a research analyst, performing market and financial analysis of health care companies.

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