Atima Omara Joins the Reproductive Health Technologies Project as New Vice President

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Washington, DC – The Reproductive Health Technologies Project (RHTP) is pleased to announce that Atima Omara will be joining our staff as Vice President on March 30, 2015.

Atima has worked in politics and social justice causes for more than a decade as a field organizer, fundraiser, campaign strategist, and activist. Specializing in non-profit management and administration, she has most recently served as President of the Young Democrats of America where she has marked her tenure with membership growth, revamped fundraising, and increased collaboration with allied organizations. She has previously worked for other social justice organizations including Doorways for Women & Families in Virginia, a direct-service domestic violence and homeless shelter; the National Disability Rights Network, a national legal and policy advocacy group; and the Service Employees International Union.

“Atima brings a wealth of experience in management, operations, fundraising, and advocacy and will greatly contribute to RHTP’s capacity to bridge science and politics in our efforts to promote reproductive health,” said Jessica Arons, President and CEO of RHTP.

Currently, Atima serves on the boards of Planned Parenthood of Metro Washington and the DC Abortion Fund. She previously served in the leadership of organizations such as the National Organization for Women, the Arlington County Commission on the Status of Women, and the DC Women’s Information Network, a pro-choice Democratic women’s network in Washington DC. Committed to reproductive rights and justice, Atima’s writings on the topics can be found at the The Hill.com, Talking Points Memo, Ebony.com, Ms. Magazine.com, RH Reality Check, and Women’s Enews, among others.

About her new position, Atima said, "RHTP's commitment to ensuring access to the most appropriate technologies for each person is fundamental to making reproductive rights a reality for everyone. I am thrilled to be able to take my experiences in politics and the progressive movement to the next level at this dynamic organization.”

For her work, Atima has received numerous awards and recognitions including being listed in Essence Magazine in their November 2013 list of “Ten Things We’re Talking About,” Jet Magazine’s 2013 “40 under 40,” and Ebony Magazine’s 2013 “Power 100,” and the Young Women of Achievement Award in Leadership from the DC’s Women’s Information Network. Atima received her BA from the University of Virginia and her Master’s in Public Administration with a focus in Nonprofit Management from George Mason University.

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Founded in 1982, the mission of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project is to advance the ability of every woman of any age to achieve full reproductive freedom with access to the safest, most effective, appropriate and acceptable technologies for ensuring her own health and controlling her fertility. To fulfill this mission, we seek to build consensus in support of an education, research and advocacy agenda for reproductive health and reproductive freedom. We seek consensus through a process of dialogue among diverse communities about technological developments and their global implications.