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**Cognitive Engineering Research Institute  
Staff Member Selected as New Editor of the Journal of Human Factors**

MESA, ARIZ. --- The Cognitive Engineering Research Institute (CERI), a not-for-profit research and development organization located at Williams Gateway Airport, is pleased to announce that Dr. Nancy J. Cooke has been selected as the new editor of the scientific journal, *Human Factors*. Dr. Cooke has been an associate editor of the Journal for the past four years and was selected from an array of highly qualified applicants. Her new position is a four-year appointment. Additionally, Dr. Cooke is the first female editor of the Journal in its 50-year history. The journal covers topics ranging from driver distraction and human-computer interface design to ergonomic considerations in the workplace and patient safety. Dr. Cooke will guide the efforts of five associate editors and 58 editorial board members in this new role.

Dr. Cooke received her Ph.D. in cognitive psychology in 1987 from New Mexico State University, served on the psychology faculty at Rice University from 1987 to 1992, and returned to New Mexico State as a Professor of Psychology in 1992. She took a position as Professor of Applied Psychology at Arizona State University in January 2003 and became Science Director of CERI in October 2003. Dr. Cooke supervises post doctorate, graduate, and undergraduate students in the CERTT (Cognitive Engineering Research On Team Tasks) Laboratory to carry out the mission to develop, apply, and evaluate measures of team cognition and to ultimately enhance scientific understanding of team cognition.

In combination with the growing corps of human factors related government entities, academic institutions, research institutes, and corporations located at and in the vicinity of William Gateway Airport, this announcement brings additional attention to the human factors-related center of excellence quickly growing in Mesa. "We are all hopeful that this focus will bring additional high-technology industry and jobs to the William Gateway Airport." said Lynn Kusy, Executive Director of the Airport.

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