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## **ABET Seeks Executive Director as Peterson Assumes New International Business Development Position**

*Baltimore, MD* — Recently, Executive Director **George D. Peterson, Ph.D., P.E.**, announced that he would assume the newly created position of Managing Director for International Business Development and Executive Director Emeritus.

During the past few years, ABET's strategic plan has pointed to the increased importance of international activities, and organizational realignment provides the focus and attention required to address global opportunities and challenges.

"ABET is extremely fortunate to have already a recognized pioneer in international accreditation as an integral part of its organization," **ABET President Joseph L. Sussman, Ph.D.**, said. "George Peterson has led this organization's global activities over the past 15 years and has successfully introduced ABET as a worldwide quality assurance brand."

To maintain ABET's commitment to providing an effective accreditation process in the United States while the organization is expanding its global activities, the ABET Board of Directors has charged a search committee with identifying qualified candidates to succeed Peterson as Executive Director and help ABET continue to fulfill its vision and mission.

This committee is looking for applicants and nominees who can provide vision and leadership for the organization in collaboration with ABET's Board of Directors and its officers, to whom the Executive Director reports. The Executive Director will combine the ability to think strategically with a determination to execute an operational plan that supports ABET's long-term goals. As the organization's chief staff executive, evidence of high personal integrity and a commitment to excellence is essential. The Executive Director will embrace diverse individuals, organizations, and views to create a powerful force for achieving ABET's mission.

Additional details are available at [www.abet.org/edsearch.shtml](http://www.abet.org/edsearch.shtml). The search committee is accepting applications and nominations until February 15.

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