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**MARJORIE THOMAS JOINS ALLEN INSTITUTE AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

*CFO at Real Networks brings strategic experience and leadership to this executive role*

**SEATTLE, WASH. — March 14, 2017** — The Allen Institute today announced that Marjorie Thomas, currently Chief Financial Officer at RealNetworks, will join the Institute’s executive team as CFO.

Thomas joined RealNetworks in 2015 as CFO and Treasurer. Thomas was a member of the executive team and led a team responsible for accounting, finance, treasury, tax, corporate IT and facilities.

“We are fortunate to have such an experienced, accomplished and visionary business leader join our executive team,” said Allan Jones, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Allen Institute. “I look forward to working with Marjorie as the Institute continues to accelerate foundational research and make a transformational impact on science around the world.”

Prior to joining RealNetworks Thomas held senior financial positions at Intuit, Sony Electronics and Hewlett Packard. Throughout her career she has led and supported businesses in all stages of maturity, from start-up and high-growth, to reinventions of businesses. A native of the Mountain West, Thomas received a B.A. in Business Accounting from Boise State University. She has served as a member of the board of directors of Junior Achievement of Northern California, a board member for HP Globalsoft, and an advisory board member for the Boise State University Accounting Board.

“I am tremendously excited to join the Allen Institute and help lead a mission-driven finance organization,” Thomas said. “I look forward to bringing my experience in technology, plus my personal passion for science, to support this talented team of scientists and staff.”

Thomas will start at the Allen Institute as CFO on May 8, 2017, and will report to Allen Institute President and CEO, Allan Jones.

**About the Allen Institute**

The Allen Institute is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit research organization founded by philanthropist and visionary Paul G. Allen. The Allen Institute is dedicated to answering some of the biggest questions in bioscience and accelerating research worldwide. The Institute is a recognized leader in large-scale research with a commitment to an open science model. Its research institutes include the Allen Institute for Brain Science, launched in 2003, and the Allen Institute for Cell Science, launched in 2014. In 2016, the Allen Institute expanded its reach with the launch of The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group, which identifies pioneers with new ideas to expand the boundaries of knowledge and make the world better. For more information, visit [www.alleninstitute.org](http://www.alleninstitute.org).

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