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Birgit Klohs is President & CEO of The Right Place, Inc., a position she has held since 1987. The Right Place, Inc. is the regional economic development organization for the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses to the Greater Grand Rapids area.

Ms. Klohs, a native of Germany, came to The Right Place, Inc. from Grand Valley State University (GVSU), where she was Assistant Director of the Office for Economic Expansion.

Prior to her association with GVSU, Ms. Klohs worked for Prince Corporation in Holland, Michigan. Her professional economic development experience began in 1977 as an Industrial Consultant with the Economic Development Corporation of Berrien County, Michigan. Following her experience in Berrien County, she joined the Michigan Department of Commerce as an Account Executive for the West Michigan region.

She is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned her degree in Finance. She is also a graduate of the Economic Development Institute of the University of Oklahoma.

Ms. Klohs is a frequent speaker at national and international economic development seminars and conferences, having lectured in France, Great Britain, Germany, Sweden and Australia.

She is involved in numerous local and state-wide activities. Ms. Klohs enjoys cooking, gardening, reading and travel.