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DART is Searching for New CEO to Drive Organization's Future

GREATER DES MOINES, IA – Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) has begun a nationwide search to fill its Chief Executive Officer role, with support from Krauthamer & Associates, LLC as the executive recruiting agency leading the search.

Located in Iowa's capital and as the largest public transit agency in the state, DART serves 11 cities within Polk and Dallas Counties and parts of unincorporated Polk County. DART operates 139 fixed route, on-call, and paratransit vehicles that provide nearly 3 million trips every year. DART's vanpool program operates in 22 counties.

"The CEO must adeptly represent DART on a local, state and national level," said Sheri Kyras, DART's Interim CEO. "The ideal candidate will be regionally minded and highly collaborative, advocating for public transit's vital role in the central Iowa community to ensure equitable, accessible and affordable transportation options for residents and visitors."

As a tax-supported transit system, DART is accountable to its region's voters and is represented by a 12-member Commission, with one Commissioner representing each member government it serves. The CEO assumes full responsibility for the administration, management and operations of DART and is overseen by the DART Commission.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for a new leader to assume the helm of DART at a critical time in the history of the agency," said Russ Trimble, DART's Commission Chair and Mayor of West Des Moines. "Our Transit Optimization Study and strategic plan recently laid out plans to implement innovative new transit services, continued modernization of DART's fleet and facilities, sustainability advances and exploration for strategic funding diversification."

Trimble adds, "The CEO will have the opportunity to lead significant change for the future of our region's transit system, positively impacting the people DART serves for years to come."

Krauthamer & Associates, LLC was retained to conduct the search as the transit industry's leading public transportation executive search firm with experience recruiting CEOs for transit agencies globally. For additional information or to apply for the position, please contact Gregg Moser, the Krauthamer & Associates, LLC executive recruiter leading the search, at gmoser@kapartners.com.

Learn more about DART's CEO duties and responsibilities at ridedart.com/CEOsearch.

ABOUT CENTRAL IOWA

Greater Des Moines, the capital of Iowa, is the fastest growing major metro in the Midwest, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and is consistently recognized for its affordability and as a top place to live by U.S. News & World Report. The area is home to 17 higher education institutions including Drake University, Des Moines University, a University of Iowa satellite campus and a short commute to nearby Iowa State University.

At the crossroads of Interstates 80 and 35, the region has been named a World Festival and Event City by the International Festivals & Events Association and serves as a cultural hub including Broadway shows at Des Moines Performing Arts, the Des Moines Metro Opera, the 4.4-acre Pappajohn Sculpture Park and nearly 100 installments of free public art around the Downtown area.

Central Iowa's Lauridsen Skatepark is the largest skatepark in the U.S., and the region offers 800+ miles of connected trails ideal for biking, walking and running. Several transformative regional projects are in the works: Des Moines' new USL Championship soccer team will begin play at the Pro Iowa Stadium and Global Plaza in 2025, and the ICON Water Trails project is underway to connect 150+ miles of rivers and creeks to enhance outdoor recreation amenities with plans to add a surf wave and whitewater rafting opportunities.

ABOUT DART

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is Iowa's largest, and only, regional transit agency, providing service in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services, providing nearly 3 million annual rides that connect thousands of people every day to jobs, school, healthcare and other essential destinations. Twelve member governments make up DART's service area, where the agency carries out its mission to enrich lives, connect communities and expand opportunities for central Iowans. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at ridedart.com, download the free MyDART app or call 515-283-8100.

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