The Transportation Institute at the University of Denver Initiates Search for New Executive Director

Executive Director Dr. DeWitt to Retire After 50 Years of Service to the Transportation Industry

DENVER—The Transportation Institute at the University of Denver (DTI) announces the retirement of Dr. William J. (Bill) DeWitt, III as Executive Director and Professor of the Practice of Transportation effective December 31, 2016. Should the University of Denver’s grant proposal for a Tier 1 University Transportation Center be awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dr. DeWitt will transition to lead the resulting Center.

The University of Denver is immediately initiating a search for the new DTI Executive Director. Applications for the Executive Director position are now being accepted via the University of Denver Careers website.

Each fall, DTI selects a new cohort of high-potential transportation professionals to enter its executive Master of Science in Transportation Management program. DTI has been a true partnership between industry and the University of Denver for twenty years. The Executive Director will be responsible for cultivating and growing this partnership while furthering the organization’s mission to develop the next generation of senior leaders in transportation, logistics, and the supply chain industries.

As DTI’s Executive Director, Dr. DeWitt led the effort to enhance the Institute’s executive master’s degree program by repositioning the curriculum to better serve the challenges transportation industry leaders face today. In addition, DeWitt launched DTI’s new offering to build and deliver customized corporate education programs. A successful pilot was delivered this year for a large global transportation company wanting to fast-track high potential leaders.
“Bill’s deep insight to the transportation industry and extensive academic background helped to reaffirm DTI’s mission to be a key educational resource for transportation leaders, and set the foundation for the Institute to amplify its impact on the transportation industry,” said Michael McGuire, dean of the University of Denver’s University College where DTI is housed.

Bill is concluding a 50-year career in transportation. Following active duty as a Lieutenant in the US Navy, his 23-year experience with Burlington Northern Railroad included train operations, strategic planning, President of Winona Bridge Railroad, and Vice President Marketing and Sales for Intermodal, Automotive/Machinery, and Forest Products.

After his professional career, Dr. DeWitt earned a PhD at the University of Tennessee, where he taught and established the Supply Chain Forum. Bill subsequently taught at the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business where he received the Krowe/Legg Mason Award for Teaching Excellence and was director of an executive program for Black & Decker. He was Dean of the Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics at Maine Maritime Academy before taking on the role at DTI.

Dr. DeWitt served as chair of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Intermodal Committee and as a member of the TRB Transportation Education Committee. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.

“The DTI Board and the University are extremely grateful for the expertise and passion that Bill has afforded the Institute during his tenure, and we are certain the changes he has initiated will continue to serve the Institute for years to come,” said Adriene Bailey, DTI Board Chair.

Interested applicants for the Executive Director role can submit materials through the University of Denver Careers website available at dujobs.silkroad.com.
Founded in 1864, the University of Denver is committed to engaging with students in advancing scholarly inquiry, cultivating critical and creative thought, and generating knowledge. The Transportation Institute at the University of Denver (DTI) offers an executive Master of Science in Transportation Management, short courses, symposia, and educational resources for industry leaders to inspire transportation solutions. To learn more about the Transportation Institute at the University of Denver, visit http://www.du.edu/transportation.