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## RFD Names Local Executive Search Committee

### *Committee made up of area leaders and Airport stakeholders*

**ROCKFORD, III.** – The Greater Rockford Airport Authority (GRAA) Board of Commissioners announced a committee of local business leaders to work in collaboration with the hired search firm, ADK Executive Search, to find and select candidates for the executive director position at RFD. The committee will review qualifications from candidates that ADK collects and will make recommendations to the GRAA Board.

“The Board formed the committee to have greater stakeholder presence and involvement in the decision of naming the new executive director,” said Bharat Puri, GRAA Board Chairman. “The individuals selected for the committee have a deep investment in the community and understand the needs of the Airport. The Board is confident we will be presented with the brightest talent who will be a vital asset to the Airport and will build upon the continued growth of this major economic engine.”

Committee members include Andreas Schell of Hamilton Sundstrand, Dr. Bill Gorski of SwedishAmerican Health System, Lori Burke from Savant Capital Management, Sunil Puri of First Rockford Group, John Holmstrom, III of William Charles, Ken DuFour from Aviation Management Consulting and the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University’s Board of Trustees and Jim Ryan from the City of Rockford.

Applications for the executive director position are being accepted until September 12 with the goal of completing the selection process by December.

The executive director is responsible for the overall administration, operation, maintenance and development of the airport and its 40 employees.

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