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Forecast Public Art launches national search for new Executive Director

Current Executive Director Jack Becker will expand Forecast's Community Services program

SAINT PAUL, MN — After 38 years, Jack Becker, founding Executive Director (ED) of Forecast Public Art, will transition from serving as ED to Director of Forecast's Community Services program. This new role for Jack Becker recognizes his decades of service to public art and the increased demand for Forecast's Community Services. Forecast's Board of Directors is seeking a new ED to sustain and grow Forecast. The new ED will lead one of the nation's top nonprofit organizations dedicated to advancing the field of public art.

The Forecast Public Art Board of Directors is conducting a national search for the Executive Director, with plans to select and announce the new ED in mid-2016. "With thoughtful planning and a financially stable organization, the Board is well positioned for this leadership transition while insuring that Forecast can continue to meet the growing requests for Community Services work." said Board Chair Bob Kost.

Forecast offers a strong Community Services team that helps artists and communities plan and bring public art projects to life. Jack Becker will build on this team in response to market demand and grow Forecast's client base, earned revenue, and organizational capacity.

"Over the past several years, Forecast Public Art has seen an increase in demand for its public art community services," said Wendy Lane, Forecast board member and search committee chair. "Jack's move to grow our Community Services program will allow us to engage a new Executive Director to continue and broaden the organization's impact and leadership."

According to Jack, "This is perhaps the most exciting development in my 38 years working in the public art field. I now have the opportunity to take what I've learned and help countless communities and allied professions desiring a foothold in the public art world."

Forecast's Artists Services program and magazine, *Public Art Review*, will continue to serve regional and global communities and advance public art locally, nationally, and internationally.

Parties interested in applying can visit forecastpublicart.org for a detailed position description and required qualifications.

About Forecast Public Art

Based in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Forecast Public Art connects the energies and talents of artists with the needs and opportunities of communities across the U.S. Forecast was one of the country's first nonprofit organizations dedicated to advancing the field of public art and today remains at the forefront of public art innovation locally and internationally. For more information, visit forecastpublicart.org.