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President and CEO

On July 14th, 2014, Al Faber was named President and CEO of the Baldrige Foundation.

The Mission of the Baldrige Foundation is to ensure the long-term financial growth and viability of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, and to support organizational performance excellence in the United States and throughout the world.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Al served as President & CEO of The Partnership for Excellence (TPE), the premier Baldrige-based state program for the promotion of performance excellence in all sectors of the economy. TPE is a volunteer-driven, 501(c)3 non-profit member organization headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, promoting the interests of performance excellence throughout Ohio, Indiana, and West Virginia. As of 2014, TPE had served more than 324 organizations that represent more than 1.7 million jobs at 1,769 work locations with revenues in excess of \$139.2 billion dollars and more than 226.4 million customers. TPE Examiners donated more than \$34.6 million dollars in services to these high-performing organizations.

Prior to that, Al served in federal & state government culminating in executive positions and leading more than 11,500 employees, with 65 major facilities, a 250 million dollar operating budget and real property exceeding 2.1 billion dollars. He has provided executive leadership, establishing policies, priorities and oversight of federal budgets, operations and training, personnel, logistical operations and infrastructure management to include numerous construction programs. He is driven to create winning organizational results with a deep sense of commitment to public service.

He has led his teams to two consecutive national awards in the Army Communities of Excellence competition using the Baldrige Criteria and also achieved both "Silver and Gold" status in The Partnership for Excellence State Program. Al has led department-wide organizational restructuring initiatives to meet the demand for greater efficiency and process optimization, while institutionalizing Lean Six Sigma, Balanced Scorecards, Strategy Maps and numerous supporting professional development programs. He believes in empowering employees, strengthening workforce engagement and promoting diversity and inclusion to fully engage all stakeholders.

Al graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management from Capital University, Columbus, OH; and holds a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. He was also a National Security Fellow at the J.F.K. School of Government, Harvard University and studied International Leadership & Management at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University, and Leadership Strategies at the College of Continuing Studies, University of Alabama. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College Fellowship Program and the U.S. Naval War College Command & Staff Program. During his military career he served as a Senior Army Aviator and Instructor Pilot, flying attack, reconnaissance, and transport helicopters. He commanded units at the company, battalion and brigade levels.

Al serves on several Boards of Directors including CAHME, the Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education - Standards Council. He is a member of the American Society for Quality (ASQ), American Mensa, numerous conservation organizations, and is active in his church.