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***McMillian plans departure as Foraker President/CEO***

**Anchorage, AK – January 15, 2015.** Dennis McMillian has announced his planned departure as President/CEO of The Foraker Group. In response to McMillian’s announcement, Foraker Governance Board Chair Steve Marshall said that as the founder and leader who has guided Foraker’s growth for 15 years, McMillian has embraced its purpose of strengthening Alaska nonprofits with creative insight and a passion to help the sector become more sustainable and resilient.

“Under Dennis’s leadership, Foraker has successfully made the transition from “start-up” to an organization that is highly respected among its peers in Alaska and across the country,” Marshall said.

McMillian said he remains committed to the nonprofit sector.

“Foraker has been the best experience of my career,” he said. “I have been privileged to work beside Foraker’s high performing boards, to share ideas with a stellar staff and consulting team, and to have the opportunity to work with nonprofits, tribes, and governments in Alaska and across the country.

McMillian is especially known for his “letters to the sector” that appear in the monthly Foraker newsletter. He has written more than 100 letters, which provide thoughtful observations on the issues faced by nonprofits. Many letters have articulated the factors in the Foraker Nonprofit Sustainability Model and how they can help nonprofits make strategic decisions that help them operate more sustainably. The model is the subject of his book *Focus on Sustainability: A Nonprofit’s Journey*, which was published in 2013.

When Foraker was started in 2001, the founders had a vision of providing services to help the nonprofit sector and individual organizations grow and thrive. Today Foraker offers education and training programs, supports nonprofits through organizational development, makes available cost-effective support for functions like human resources and financial management through its shared services program, and speaks out for the sector when public policy issues arise.

Marshall and McMillian noted that Foraker has been planning its leadership transition for some time and that the organization is in a good position to grow into the future.

Marshall is leading a committee that will conduct a national search for a new CEO. The process is expected to run through the third quarter of 2015.

McMillian said he and his wife Stephanie will remain in Alaska, and that he will continue to serve the nonprofit sector and support Foraker through this transition.

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**ABOUT THE FORAKER GROUP**

The Foraker Group is dedicated to a healthy, sustainable nonprofit sector in Alaska. Foraker guides organizations on their journey to sustainability – starting with a focus on mission, then looking beyond simply maintaining funding to the essential elements of board, staff and partnerships. Foraker serves as Alaska’s Nonprofit Association.