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TDI Board of Directors Announces Executive Search

Silver Spring, MD, March 29, 2017 — On March 15, 2019, Claude Stout officially informed the TDI Board of Directors he will retire from TDI on May 29, 2020. When Stout leaves TDI, he will have led TDI as its Executive Director for over 23 years.

“Claude has been instrumental in shaping TDI as the force for change that it is today,” stated Sheila Conlon-Mentkowski, TDI Board President. “His leadership is extraordinary, he has cultivated and solidified the reputation of TDI as a trusted source of information for policymakers in Washington, DC and the members we serve. TDI is well positioned for continued success largely due to Claude’s leadership and vision.”

“It has truly been an honor and privilege to work for TDI. I am most proud to have played a part in TDI’s fifty-one years of shaping an accessible world for our deaf and hard of hearing Americans. I wish TDI the very best in its future” noted Stout. “I am confident the Board will choose a new leader who will maintain TDI’s long-held values while taking the organization to new heights.”

The TDI Board of Directors formed a Search Committee, chaired by its Vice President, Jan Withers. Additionally, the TDI Board elevated the position title to Chief Executive Officer. A job announcement will be released in the next few months. To be apprised on the search committee, its process and the ability to engage, it is encouraged to subscribe to TDI’s eNotes.

About Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI)

TDI is a national consumer advocacy organization providing leadership in achieving equal access in telecommunications, media, and information technologies for 48 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans. TDI publishes the TDI World, a quarterly magazine, and the annual TDI National Directory & Resource Guide, known as the Blue Book. In odd numbered years, TDI hosts a biennial conference where consumers, industry leaders and government officials gather to discuss accessibility trends in technology. This year’s conference is at Gallaudet University on August 15-17, 2019. For more information about TDI, visit its website at: www.tdiforaccess.org.