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**AURP Announces Departure of Chief Executive Officer Carol Stewart**

*Executive Committee and Board Establish  
Search Committee to Identify New AURP CEO*

**Tucson, AZ, Oct. 17, 2018** – The Association of University Research Parks (AURP) announced today that Chief Executive Officer Carol Stewart will be stepping down from her current role as of October 26, 2018, to pursue a new opportunity, which will be announced in the near future.

“Carol has been a dedicated leader and strong advocate for university research parks and the communities they impact. We are grateful for the service she has provided to AURP and wish her continued success in her career,” said AURP President Mason Ailstock. “The CEO position provides an opportunity for an experienced and dedicated executive to build on what she has accomplished as we continue to move AURP forward and serve our membership.”

Mr. Ailstock, in collaboration with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, has formed a committee to assist in the search for and identification of a new CEO for the organization.

“My passion for AURP does not wane with my departure as CEO. This tribe of research park and innovation district professionals is dedicated to their craft, and I hold them in the highest regard,” states Mrs. Stewart. “Much has been accomplished in two years with the development of value-added programming for members, an economic impact study, significant administration projects, and our commitment to expanding global relationships. The association is poised for exciting times!”

The search committee will now begin to review the job description, assess organizational needs and share the opportunity through appropriate channels, including the AURP website. Once applications have been gathered, the committee will conduct interviews with qualified candidates. Additional details will be made available at [www.aurp.net](http://www.aurp.net).

***About AURP***

*The Association of University Research Parks is a professional association of university related research and science parks. AURP’s mission is to foster innovation, commercialization and economic growth through university, industry and government partnerships. For more information, visit AURP’s Website at [www.aurp.net](http://www.aurp.net).*