

President and CEO Position Announcement Public Media in Rhode Island

This is an exceptional leadership opportunity for a new organization planned for Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. The Public's Radio (TPR) and Rhode Island PBS (RIPBS) are planning to merge, and the combined entity is seeking a visionary President and CEO. The merger is pending governmental approvals and is expected to be finalized in the spring of 2024.

The **President and CEO** will lead an innovative and dynamic 21st century public media institution, reaching audiences through digital, radio, television and other multiplatform channels and reaching viewers and listeners.

RIPBS and TPR are both trusted and respected institutions that have long traditions of high-impact storytelling for the communities served and beyond. They are combining resources to elevate the impact of the new organization's talented team and to seek growth opportunities.

The new entity is envisioned as an independent, trusted source for news, investigative journalism, education, and entertainment with special focus on politics, the arts, sciences, the environment and history. With an operating budget of \$12M and an investment fund of about \$100M, the merged company will serve existing and expanded audiences across Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Headquartered in Providence, RI, the new CEO will live and work in a city characterized as one of the 25 best places to live in the East Coast in 2023-24 (*US News, May 2023*).

Position Overview

The President/CEO will lead the growth of the organization and expand the mission by establishing new revenue opportunities, building relationships throughout the community and with a diverse group of stakeholders will guide the new organization and optimize the impact of internal talent.

The preferred candidate will bring significant experience in a senior leadership role and with a demonstrated ability in managing innovation and change.

A true collaborator and an inclusive leader, the ideal candidate will have strong business acumen, a track record of developing a strategy and shared vision with key stakeholders, and the demonstrated ability to execute a plan and deliver results. Experience in leading an organization and reporting to a board of directors is strongly preferred; Ideally they would have non-profit leadership experience and a knowledge of or experience in the media/related industry. They will have a passion for the critical importance of journalism and appreciate its links to maintaining a healthy democracy.

A full position profile can be found here: <https://thepublicradio.org/page/career-opportunities> and <https://www.ripbs.org/about/careers/>

NETA Consulting is partnering with the organization's search committee for this national search. For additional information, please contact Linda O'Bryon (linda@netaconsulting.org) or Milton Clipper (Milton@netaconsulting.org). Candidates should submit applications to Apply@netaconsulting.org. Please include a letter of introduction, your resume and a one-page vision statement for leading the new organization in Rhode Island.

The organization is an equal opportunity employer and fully committed to a culturally diverse staff to better serve our community. People of color, women, LGBTQ candidates, and people of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.