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Dot Foods, Inc. Becomes Seventh Mosaic Ambassador Company

(St. Louis) – St. Louis Mosaic Project has many exciting collaborations to look forward to in 2017. Among them, Dot Foods has agreed to join as the seventh Mosaic Ambassador Company. Dot Foods is already involved in the Mosaic Ambassador Program as Luke Hornof, District Sales Manager of Dot Foods is an active Mosaic Ambassador. St. Louis Mosaic Project is thrilled to have gained Dot Foods as a Mosaic Ambassador Company with a strong international footprint that supports international talent in order to meet the complex demands of today’s world.

In recent years, Dot Foods has made diversity and inclusion a strategic priority for the company. The company has put resources in place that allow for recruiting from Spanish-speaking communities and a French African community near Dot’s corporate headquarters in Mt. Sterling Illinois. In addition, Dot supports Spanish and French ELL (English Language Learners) in the community and has bilingual ESL trainers at the Mt. Sterling, Illinois warehouse too that assist employees on the job. The company has international associates at a few locations, including Katja Reed at the St. Louis office. Reed had been involved with the World Trade Center St. Louis as an International Research Assistant where her work included interviewing companies to develop connections between St. Louis and other countries.

In an effort to be more welcoming and diverse, Dot Foods has launched two Employee Resource Groups. One of the groups is based at Dot’s St. Louis sales office and two others at their corporate headquarters. Dot Foods strongly supports multicultural organizations in the region including Diversity Awareness Partnership, Urban League, United Way and both the Asian and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

The company announced plans to establish its first Dot Foods international operations in Canada in January 2015. A year before that, Dot Foods partnered with Mexico-based RJ Alimentos to form a joint venture redistribution company called RD Amerimex. Dot Foods practices business globally, serving more than 25 countries.

St. Louis Mosaic Project, in partnership with PluggedIn and CIC St. Louis, will host the first [International Student STEM Career Fair](#) on February 28th at 4:00 pm. Numerous companies will be represented at the career fair who are specifically interested in hiring international students with STEM degrees and are allowed a three year hiring window before a H1B visa is needed. Dot Foods is open to sponsoring visas for specific jobs and will be one of the companies represented at the career fair.

Sourcing international talent is part of the Dot's overall strategy to increasing its talent pool. The company sees its relationship with St. Louis Mosaic Project as an integral part of the plan. Dot posts open positions on Mosaic's website to encourage diverse applications. In the future, Dot Foods will continue to encourage employees to get connected with the St. Louis community by participating in the Mosaic Ambassador program as a first step. St. Louis Mosaic Project is proud to partner with Dot Foods and is looking forward to new ideas working together to welcome, attract and retain foreign born talent.

About the St. Louis Mosaic Project

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report that showed St. Louis was lagging in immigrant growth and highlighted the potential economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center and a 27-member committee. Its goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. Learn more at www.stlmosaicproject.org.

About Dot Foods

Dot Foods Inc. carries 112,000 products from 830 food industry manufacturers making it the largest food industry redistributor in the United States. Through Dot Transportation Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Dot Foods, the company distributes foodservice, convenience, retail and vending products to distributors in all 50 states and more than 25 countries. Dot Foods operates ten U. S. distribution centers, which are located in Modesto, California; Vidalia, Georgia; Burley, Idaho; Mt. Sterling, Illinois; Cambridge City, Indiana; Williamsport, Maryland; Liverpool, New York; Ardmore, Oklahoma; Dyersburg, Tennessee; and University Park, Illinois. For information, visit DotFoods.com.

Dot Foods and Dot Transportation continue to experience exceptional growth. Both companies are looking to fill several positions for full and part-time drivers and warehouse personnel in all U.S. locations. To learn more about careers at Dot Foods visit DotFoods.com/careers and follow [@DotFoodsCareers](https://twitter.com/DotFoodsCareers). For more on opportunities available with Dot Transportation, visit DriveForDot.com.