# **Don Sharp**

President & CEO

A highly respected innovator with more than 29 years of industry and consulting experience, Don Sharp leads the team at Coolfire–a connected workstream collaboration software company to improve event awareness, control, and response. From strategic direction to day-to-day operations, he describes the key aspects of his leadership role as “pulling together all the pieces, plus getting the best talent we can possibly find, getting them focused and leading them to success.” Don joined Coolfire in 2013, after five and a half years of implementing advanced technologies at Navistar Inc. As vice president and CIO, then as senior vice president of Enterprise Services, he drove transformations that resulted in several hundred million dollars in cost reductions.

His earlier experience includes eight years managing large-scale technology initiatives at Accenture, and 10 years in senior leadership roles with various technology firms, including his own startup firm.

Don’s breadth of experience, from start-up entrepreneur to Fortune 250-company C-suite executive, allows him to bring a unique perspective to his role at Coolfire. His diversity of knowledge, and strength as a strategic thinker and problem solver are valuable assets.

He sees the challenge of introducing a software product to a new market as one of the greatest rewards of working with Coolfire. He appreciates the talent of the Coolfire team, as well as opportunities to interact with customers and drive value for the company.

Beyond his role at Coolfire, Don has served as vice chairman for the Greater Chicago Chapter of March of Dimes, and a trustee of the Morton Arboretum. He is currently a vice-chairman of North Central College, as well as a commissioner and secretary of the Dupage Airport Authority. He is also a board member of MedAware Solutions, Inc.

Don is a frequent speaker at executive roundtables, educational forums and industry events, on topics ranging from technology trends to overcoming new challenges posed by technology’s increasing complexities. He has earned numerous awards for economic development and public relations excellence.

A graduate from the University of Notre Dame, Don holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting.

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