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Business Biography

Robert E. Gallamore is Director of The Transportation Center and Professor of Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences in the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. The Transportation Center was founded in 1954, and has long been recognized as a leader in higher education for transportation. In addition to its academic programs, the Center sponsors executive training, research studies, and policy seminars.

Prior to joining Northwestern University in August 2001, Gallamore was on executive loan from Union Pacific Railroad to the Transportation Technology Center, Inc., in Pueblo, Colorado. There he was Assistant Vice President, Communications Technologies and General Manager of the North American Joint Positive Train Control Program. This partnership of the Association of American Railroads, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the State of Illinois DOT is establishing railroad industry interoperability standards and deploying an operational positive train control system enabling rail passenger train speeds of up to 110 mph between Chicago and St. Louis. Before the industry assignment, Gallamore was General Director, Strategic Analysis for the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha and an executive with UP Corporation in New York City.

Gallamore has also served in several positions with the federal government. As Deputy Federal Railroad Administrator under President Jimmy Carter, he led the Executive Branch development of recommendations for railroad deregulation and revitalization. In this capacity, he was awarded one of the first Senior Executive Service Awards by President Carter. Earlier, Gallamore was Associate Administrator for Planning of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and System Plan Coordinator with the United States Railway Association (which established Conrail out of the facilities of the bankrupt Northeast railroads). He served on a National Academy of Sciences panel, “Science and Technology for Countering Terrorism: Transportation and Distribution Systems,” and currently chairs the Transportation Research Board Committee for a Study of a Hazardous Materials Transportation Research Program.