

LIDEA Past Presidents

1964/1965/1966

A.J. "DUSTY" RHODES, CED
Area & Industrial Development Manager
Louisiana Power & Light Company
New Orleans, Louisiana

1967

ROBERT BAYS
Vice President
First Federal Savings & Loan Association
Little Rock, Arkansas

1968

ROBERT L. "BOB" PETTIT, JR.
Chairman of the Board
The Jefferson Bank & Trust Company
Metairie, Louisiana

1969

A. WILLIAM WRIGHT, CED
Director, Area Development
Central Louisiana Electric Company
Pineville, Louisiana

1970

GILBERT M. MELLIN, Ph.D.
Vice President
Whitney National Bank of New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

1971

LEONARD H. GRANT
Vice President
First Bank of Mandeville
Mandeville, Louisiana

1972

W. LYLE KISER
Area Development Engineer
New Orleans Public Service, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana

1973

WILLIAM T. HACKETT, JR., CED

Executive Vice President

Shreveport Chamber of Commerce

Shreveport, Louisiana

1974

JOHN J. CORDARO, CED

Development Engineer

Louisiana Power & Light Company

New Orleans, Louisiana

1975/1976

MALCOLM M. WILLIAMS, CED

Director, Area Development

Gulf States Utilities Company

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1977

JACK H. SANDERS

Vice President

American Bank & Trust Company

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1978

BOB J. ODEN, CCE

Executive Director

Lafayette HT & ID District

Lafayette, Louisiana

1979

ED TOSCANO

Superintendent

Industrial & Area Development

New Orleans Public Service, Inc.

New Orleans, Louisiana

1980

MILES K. LUKE, CED

Executive Director

Industrial Development Board of Northeast Louisiana

Monroe, Louisiana

1981

REX BRYAN, CED

Vice President, Economic Development

First National Bank of Shreveport

Shreveport, Louisiana

1982

A. E. HOLMES, JR.

Vice President, Industrial Development
BOH Brothers Construction Company
New Orleans, Louisiana

1983

ARTHUR J. DEICHMANN

Area Development Engineer
New Orleans Public Service, Inc.
New Orleans, Louisiana

1984

WAYNE L. STERLING, CED

Executive Director
Washington Industrial Development Board
Bogalusa, Louisiana

1985

JOHN W. HOLT, JR., CED

Partner
T & H Developments
Bossier City, Louisiana

1986

PATRICK J. GALLWEY

Executive Assistant for Management
Port of New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

1987

J. ALLEN MOUTON

Executive Director
Lafayette Economic Development Authority
Lafayette, Louisiana

1988

M. D. LECOMTE, CED

President & CEO
Coordinating and Development Corporation
Shreveport, Louisiana

1989

JANICE S. WYNN, CEcD

Economic Development Specialist
Gulf States Utilities Company
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

1990

GARY P. LAGRANGE

Executive Director

Port of West St. Mary
Franklin, Louisiana

1991

A. B. KESSLER, CED

Economic Development Manager

Greater Shreveport Economic Development Foundation
Shreveport, Louisiana

1992

MARK F. DONHAM, CED

Vice President

New Orleans Region Economic Development Council
New Orleans, Louisiana

1993

MIRIAM G. WYATT

Assistant Director

Small Business Development Center
Northeast Louisiana University
Monroe, Louisiana

1994

J. KEVIN McCOTTER

Director – Economic Development

South Central Bell
New Orleans, Louisiana

1995

MICHAEL M. PHILPOT, CED

Director, New Business Development

Greater Shreveport
Economic Development Foundation
Shreveport, Louisiana

1996

LEWIS L. "SKIP" SMART, III

Executive Director, Economic Development

Livingston Economic Development Council
Livingston, Louisiana

1997

VIC LAFONT

Director

South Louisiana Economic Council
Thibodaux, Louisiana

1998

JAMES S. HOLMES, JR., CED
Senior Corporate Development Specialist
CLECO
Pineville, Louisiana

1999

G. LAVERNE JASEK, CED
Economic Development Specialist
State of Louisiana
Department of Economic Development
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2000

KATIE S. CHIASSON
President & CEO
Crowley Chamber of Commerce
Crowley, Louisiana

2001

GREGG D. GOTHREAUX
President & CEO
Lafayette Economic Development Authority
Lafayette, Louisiana

2002

PHILIP E. SEGHERS, CEcD
Senior Account Executive - Recruiting
Entergy
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2003

H. PATRICK WITTY
Director - Economic & Business Development
Cleco Power, L.L.C.
Opelousas, Louisiana

2004

DAVID L. BOWMAN
Senior Vice President, Economic Development
The Chamber of Greater Baton Rouge
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2005

DONALD M. PIERSON, JR., CEcD
Assistant Secretary
Louisiana Economic Development
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2006

REBECCA V. SHIRLEY

Executive Vice President

Greater Abbeville – Vermilion Chamber of Commerce
Abbeville, Louisiana

2007

MARTHA P. COLLINS, PCED

Gonzales Marketing Team

Gonzales, Louisiana

2008

RICHARD T. WARD, CEcD

Director – Economic Development

Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

2009

TOMMY J. KURTZ, CEcD, MPA

Executive Director, Business Expansion and Retention Group
Louisiana Economic Development
Baton Rouge, LA

2010

ARTHUR R. COOPER

CEO

LSU System Research & Technology Foundation
Baton Rouge, LA

2011

DON ALLISON

Partner

Advantous Consulting, LLC
Baton Rouge, LA

2012

KURT FOREMAN

President

North Louisiana Economic Partnership
Shreveport, LA

2013

RAY CORNELIUS

Partner

Adams and Reese, LLP
New Orleans, LA

2014

KRISTI LUMPKIN

Economic Development Administrator
City of Ruston
Ruston, LA

2015

MICHAEL OLIVIER

CEO
Committee of 100
Baton Rouge, LA

2016

FRANK FINK

Director
St. Mary Parish Economic Development
Franklin, LA

2017

JERRY BOLOGNA

President and CEO
JEDCO
Avondale, LA

2018

RHONDA REAP-CURIEL

President
CENCOR Consulting
Alexandria, LA

2019

MIKE TARANTINO

President and CEO
Iberia Industrial Development Foundation
New Iberia, LA

2020

DAVID "ROCKY" ROCKETT

Executive Director
Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation
Bossier City, LA

2021

LARRY COLLINS

Executive Director
Louisiana Economic Development
Baton Rouge, LA

2022

TROY VILLA

Partner

Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP

Baton Rouge, LA

2023

CLAIR MARCEAUX

Senior Project Manager

Alliance Transportation Group

Lafayette, LA

2024

RHONDA BOATNER

Director of Tax Incentives

Didier Consultants Inc

Zachary, LA