



# EDWARD BEE, CEcD

## President

### Education:

M.A., ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY,  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

B.A., URBAN STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY,  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

DIPLOMA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE,  
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

### Professional Qualifications:

- EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN CLUSTER ANALYSIS, GLOBAL MARKETING, STRATEGIC PLANNING, INDUSTRY TARGETING, E.D. ORGANIZATION DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT.
- SITE SELECTION AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING ON A GLOBAL BASIS.
- OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE LEADING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN GEORGIA, TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, AND LOUISIANA, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE VENTURES.
- DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN STARTUPS
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
- EXTENSIVE PUBLICATIONS ON THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ADVISORY BOARD, MASTERS PROGRAM IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

### Professional Experience:

- PRESIDENT, TAIMERICA MANAGEMENT COMPANY, 1997-PRESENT
- CHAIRMAN, TROPICO PRODUCE GROWERS LLC, 1998-99
- EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, METROVISION, NEW ORLEANS, 1994-97
- DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OKLAHOMA CITY, 1989-94
- VICE-PRESIDENT, CORPUS CHRISTI AREA ECONOMIC DEV. CORP., 1987-89
- EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, HARLINGEN INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION, 1984-87
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PORT OF HARLINGEN TEXAS, 1984-87
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MCINTOSH INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY, 1981-84
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPER, COASTAL APDC, 1978-81
- RESEARCH ANALYST, FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA, 1977-78



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Ed Bee, CEcD, is President and founder of TaimERICA Management Company. TaimERICA is a nationally recognized consulting firm headquartered in Mandeville, Louisiana. The firm counsels development groups and businesses worldwide on issues of strategic planning, cluster and technology studies, corporate site selection, organizational design and best practices evaluations, and economic development strategy including housing and real estate issues. Ed offers economic development groups sophisticated but practical strategies for economic development that are executable at the regional and local level.

Bee has earned a number of achievements and awards during his career, including a Distinguished Service Award conferred by the American Economic Development Council in 1994 and the Alumni of the Year Award in 2004 by the Geography Department of Youngstown State University. He has authored ten peer reviewed articles on leading edge economic development topics in globally recognized publications such as *Economic Development Quarterly*, *The Economic Development Journal* and *Economic Development Review*.

### **Publications and Presentations**

“Coming Full Circle: The End of the Small Business Era?” *The IEDC Economic Development Journal*, Winter 2009

“Community Developers: Take the Intermodal Initiative,” *Inbound Logistics*, February, 2008

“Breaking out of the Circle,” Presentation at the Site Selection Network, Las Vegas, Nevada, February, 2007

“Are States and Communities Ready for your Distribution Operation?” Presentation at the North American Supply Chain and Logistics Summit, Austin, Texas, December 2006

Strategic Planning Presentations for ASSET, The Council of Economic Development Organizations, St. Petersburg, Russia, May 2006

“Small Business Vitality and Economic Development: Fact or Fiction?” *IEDC Economic Development Journal*, Fall 2004

“Knowledge Networks and Technical Invention in America’s Metro Areas: A Paradigm for High Technology Economic Development” *Economic Development Quarterly*, Vol 17, No.2, May 2003 115-131

“Turning Community Inventions into Sustainable Technology Clusters” *The IEDC Economic Development Journal*, Spring 2002

“Mining for Workforce Gold” Presentation at IEDC Workforce Development Conference, November 2001

“Latin America: Boom or Bust for North American Developers?” *Economic Development Review*, Spring 2000

“Site Selection Evaluation Points” *Telemarketing*, May 1995

“How to Win the Domestic Site Selection Sweepstakes” *Telemarketing*, August 1995

“An Action Agenda for Urban Economic Development”, *Economic Development Review*, Summer 1994; policy position adopted by the Board of Directors of the American Economic Development Council

“The Oklahoma Manufacturer’s Exchange Center: An Innovative Approach to Recruitment of Suppliers” *Economic Development Review*, Spring 1993

“How to Improve Economic Development Advertising: Lessons from the Diffusion of Innovations” *Economic Development Review*, Spring 1988