



Biography

Mark Barbash

Mark Barbash has over 30 years of experience in economic development, at the local, state and federal levels, in both the public and private sectors. In addition to serving as an Instructor at The Ohio State University John Glenn College for Public Service, Mark's background includes working with JobsOhio (the state economic development partnership), the Council of Development Finance Agencies, Finance Fund (A CDFI & New Markets Tax Credit CDE), the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, Columbus 2020, The City of Beachwood, the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation (Boston), with a focus on project development, strategic planning and CEDs, development financing and new program development.

Mark is a nationally recognized economic development trainer and consultant, having trained over the years for the International Economic Development Council, the Economic Development Institute, state economic development courses, the Small Business Administration, NASA, the Ohio CDC Association, and a wide range of ED associations. Mark is the Professional Development Director for the Ohio Economic Development Association, where he is leading the development of the Ohio Economic Development Institute, the certification program for Ohio professionals in Economic Development.

In his career, Mark has worked on development projects ranging from small businesses to major real estate development, neighborhood, community development, downtown development, residential and commercial development, economic development retention, expansion and attraction.

Mark's professional career includes the National Development Council, Finance Fund, Development Director for the City of Columbus (Ohio), Chief Economic Development Officer and Assistant Director for Financing and Industrial Development for the Ohio Department of Development, Director of Columbus Countywide Development Corporation (a high-volume SBA 504 CDC and micro lender), and Miller & Schroeder Investment Banking. His background also includes U.S. Commerce Department and Senate and House staff experience. Mark has served on many Boards over the years. Currently, he serves on the boards of the International Economic Development Council, Ohio Economic Development Association, Thoughwell (a data research nonprofit) and CATCO, the Columbus, Ohio professional theatre company.

Mark is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and has been awarded the Fellow Member recognition from IEDC and the Small Business Advocate of the Year from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

