

# Speaker Bios

## 2023 **FOCUS** **CENTRAL PA** Industrial Development Forum

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 11:00am to 12:30pm via Zoom



### Keynote Speaker

**Bethany J. Miller, CEcD**  
Sr. Economic  
Development Consultant  
*Hickey Global*

**Bethany Miller** is a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD). She was Amazon's first economic development hire and served as the VP of Regional Economic Development for the Greater Houston Partnership and worked at the local level on economic development teams in Gahanna, OH and Stafford, VA. Bethany is a member of the International Economic Development Council's (IEDC) Board of Directors and holds a Masters of City & Regional Planning from Ohio State University.

Hickey Global is part of the Hickey Family of global advisory companies that has more than 20 offices worldwide and a diverse team of economic development, site selection, research, and marketing staff. Hickey Global offers innovative approaches, techniques, and tools to identify a region's labor and future talent pipelines.



### Keynote Speaker

**David Hickey**  
Managing Director  
*Hickey & Associates*

**David Hickey** leads key client accounts and major initiatives for the firm around the world. In recent years, David has led the firm's expansion in the dynamic Asia Pacific region and navigated the growth strategy for EMEA.

Prior to being a senior leader of the firm, David managed legislative and regulatory affairs for a national agricultural cooperative organization and served as a policy advisor for a member of the United States Senate. David is a frequent contributor in industry media and featured speaker at business and economic development events globally.

Hickey and Associates, a global leader in location strategy, logistics & supply chain, labor analytics, and economic incentives advisory.



### Presenting Sponsor

**Tom Palisin**  
Executive Director  
*Manufacturers' Association*

**Tom Palisin** has served as the Executive Director of the Manufacturers' Association since 2014. Tom has served in several key roles in the PA Department of Community and Economic Development including as the Deputy Secretary for Technology Investment and as the commonwealth's first Manufacturing Ombudsman. He led several key initiatives including the Governor's Manufacturing Advisory Council and the National Governor's Association Manufacturing Academy. He recently participated in the release of the state strategy, *Pennsylvania's Manufacturing Competitiveness Playbook*, and is a member of the statewide Manufacturing Competitiveness Collaborative. He served on the Board of the PA Recycling Markets Center, the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education, and the Partnership for Career Development.

The Manufacturers' Association is a regional trade association for manufacturing enterprises that recently launched the Center of Excellence for Apprenticeship and Training, which trains nearly 3,000 individuals annually and supports over 130 apprentices through local manufacturers.

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