# Michael H. Stevens

#### **EDUCATION**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Master of Public Administration June, 1997

**The Ohio State University,** Columbus, Ohio. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration June, 1994

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March, 2012-Present

### Lake County Partnership for Economic Development,

Lincolnshire, Illinois

President & CEO

- Responsible for the leadership and daily management of non-profit economic development corporation.
- Provide strategic direction in order for the organization to meet its mission to maintain and improve the economic vitality and quality of life of Lake County, Illinois.
- Oversee the development and promotion of a favorable business climate in Lake County.
- Serve as an effective liaison with civic, business, education and government representatives in Lake County.
- Through innovative initiatives and processes stabilized the organization's finances and increased total assets by over \$500.000.
- Led the strategic planning efforts necessary to complete a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- Represent Lake County Partners at various community meetings.

# January, 2007 - March, 2012

# City of Columbus, Department of Development, Columbus, Ohio Deputy Development Director, Jobs & Economic Development

- Provided leadership to the 27 employees of the City's Economic Development Division and Planning Division.
- Oversaw the development and implementation of \$9.1 million budget.
- Provided analysis and recommendations to the Mayor on economic development initiatives and opportunities.
- Negotiated incentive packages with prospective businesses.
- Coordinated City's international initiatives.
- Served as the lead City official on regional economic development efforts and initiatives.

- Led effort to realign City resources to encourage small business development and entrepreneurship.
- Coordinated with economic development partners to market Columbus as an attractive location for companies to locate and expand through corporate calling visits and targeted trade shows.

# July, 2004 -January, 2007

# Cardinal Health, Inc, Corporate Real Estate, Dublin, Ohio

Manager, Facility Operations

- Responsible for the facility management of over 1.5 million square feet of office space in 5 states.
- Developed and managed \$10 million facilities budget.
- Delivered cost savings of over \$2 million.

# Director of Facility Programs

- Responsible for the enterprise energy procurement and demand management program.
- Oversaw the development and implementation of the national facilities management program.
- Member of the Corporate Real Estate Senior Leadership team responsible for developing corporate real estate strategy.

# October, 1999 – July, 2004

# City of Dublin, Division of Economic Development, Dublin, Ohio Director of Economic Development

- Oversaw and managed the City's economic development program.
- Led the process to update the City's Strategic Economic Development Plan.
- Updated City's Business retention and expansion program.
- Continued to develop City's business attraction program.
- Administered City's incentive programs.
- Negotiated incentive packages with prospective businesses.
- Provided strategic leadership for the City's economic development website.

# June, 1997 – October, 1999

#### City of Huron, Department of Service, Huron, Ohio

Assistant Service Director

- Served as administrative head of City's Service Department.
- Prepared and implemented operating budgets for the City's street and water funds.
- Assisted in the development of the City's water fund ten year capital improvement plan.
- Assisted City Manager in developing the City's annual budget.
- Served as Acting City Manager in absence of City Manager.