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One of upstate New York's leading experts on economic development and technology-driven business creation and expansion, F. Michael Tucker has a 30 year record of accomplishment in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. He has strengthened the Tech Valley region's economic ecosystem by fostering productive collaborations and leading key projects to completion in arenas including real-estate and energy development, business expansion and workforce development and education.

Professional Experience

President

Tucker Strategies, Inc.

June 2015 - Current

www.tuckerstrategies.com

Tucker Strategies, Inc. is a consulting firm with an emphasis on real estate, energy, economic, and business development. The company, has an office in downtown Albany, and focuses on helping businesses develop innovative growth strategies through knowledge, innovation and impact and will provide commercial real estate and energy development, asset and project management, financing, regulatory and government affairs services.

President & CEO

July 2015 - Current

Columbia Economic Development Corporation

<http://www.columbiaedc.com/>

Columbia Economic Development Corp (CEDC) entered into a contract with Tucker Strategies, Inc. for F. Michael Tucker to serve as their President and CEO. During his tenure, he has worked with CEDC to develop and implement a Strategic Plan that is designed to establish priorities, strategies and measurable initiatives that promote economic growth in the County. In addition under his leadership, CEDC has gone through reorganization both at the board and staff levels. As President/CEO, Mike Tucker has worked in partnership with the County Board of Supervisors to more clearly define CEDC's role and insure appropriate reporting and funding to insure the organization's success.

President and CEO

Center for Economic Growth

2007 – June 2015

www.ceg.org

Led the Center for Economic Growth, an 11-county regional economic development & marketing organization, while focused on advancing innovation-driven, technology-based industries in a range of technology clusters, including energy, information, biotech and nanotech and advanced manufacturing, through implementation of strategic initiatives, aggressive industry attraction & marketing, and orchestrating collaborative partnerships. Developed and implemented programs and initiative to grow existing companies, attract new investment and prepare the region for accelerated economic growth. Worked in partnership with leaders in business, government, education and the not-for-profit sectors to create one of the most prosperous and innovate ecosystems in the world. Championed cutting-edge ideas and initiatives, and facilitated opportunities for technology investment and expansion in Tech Valley while striving to enhance Tech Valley's outstanding quality of life.

President**Harriman Research & Technology Development Corporation**

2004 – 2007

Led a subsidiary of Empire State Development, New York State's economic development agency, in developing a vision for the redevelopment of the 300-acre W.A. Harriman State Office Campus into a world-class research and technology park to promote economic development and job growth in New York's Capital Region by through a Market Assessment, Master Development Plan & Implementation Strategy, Transportation Corridor Linkage Study, and a nation-wide procurement effort to select a preferred Master Developer for the Campus. Conceived of and created the Harriman Business Center, a University-related incubator for technology companies. Created research and technology linkages with the University at Albany and other regional colleges and universities, coordinated local, state and national stakeholders across fields of technology, education, economic development and community engagement.

President**Mercer Management, Inc.**

2000 – 2004

Built from scratch and led a commercial real estate and energy management, operations and maintenance services company serving projects throughout New York State. Directly engaged in managing over 35 employees and coordinating legal, regulatory and financial matters for all related Mercer entities.

President**Mercer Asset Management Corp.**

1997 to 2004

Created Mercer Asset Management, Corp., to provide a full range of asset management and consulting services related to complex business issues involved in managing and growing productive real estate and business assets. Engaged in leadership roles in state-wide industry associations, including representing New York State independent power producers in the Public Service Commission Competitive Opportunities Proceeding, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation Master Restructuring negotiations and the New York Independent System Operator..

President and Principal Broker**Mercer Realty, Inc**

1995 - 2004

Served as Chief Executive Officer and Principal Broker of Mercer Realty Inc., Mercer's full service New York State-Licensed Real Estate Brokerage affiliate.

Executive Vice President**Mercer Companies, Inc.**

1983 - 2000

Served as the Chief Operating Officer of Mercer Companies, Inc., a real estate and energy development firm which developed and financed senior housing, office and hydroelectric and gas-fired cogeneration projects totaling more than \$200 million for its own account. Engaged in the redevelopment of three gas-fired cogeneration projects, seven hydroelectric generating plants, three historic downtown Albany, New York buildings, the renovation and expansion of the Teresian House Nursing Home and the South Mall Towers Senior Apartments in Albany, New York.

President**Empire State Hydro Corporation**

1981 - 1983

Served as Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, responsible for hydroelectric development activities in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for Empire's parent company, Schooner Capital, Boston, Massachusetts. Oversaw all regulatory compliance matters at the state and federal levels.

Academic Degrees

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA Juris Doctorate	1979
Villanova University, Villanova, PA Bachelor of Arts, Economics	1976

Professional Credentials

Admitted to practice law in New York, Pennsylvania, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Licensed Real Estate Broker - State of New York

Awards

1994	College of Saint Rose School of Business - Executive of the Year
1995	Villanova University - College of Arts & Sciences Medallion
2003	Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce – PSEG Settlement Recognition
2005	Hope House – Circle of Hope Award
2008	Crohn's and Colitis Foundation – Humanitarian Award
2009	Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce – Business Person of the Year
2012	Tech Valley Children's Museum – Explore*Discover*Imagine Award
2013	College of St. Rose – Community of Excellence Award
2015	Hope House, Inc. – Circle of Hope Award
2016	Hudson Opera House – Annual Gala Award

Professional Associations

Albany County Bar Association	Greater Capital Assn. of Realtors/MLS
American Bar Association	National Association of Realtors
Building Owners Management Association	New York State Bar Association
Business Council of New York State	NYS Association of Realtors
Commercial & Industrial Real Estate Board	NYS Economic Development Council

Boards and Affiliations

Corporate and Foundation Boards

Cottrell Paper Company - Rock City Falls, New York	2000 - 2004
Fort Orange Club - Trustee	2000 – 2006
Health Information Exchange of New York –Employer Rep.	2010 - 2015
Ulster Savings Bank – Vice Chairman - Kingston, New York	1995 – Present
Carl E. Touhey Foundation	2015 – Present

Government Boards

Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau – Treasurer	1998 - 2004
Albany Downtown Business Improvement District	2009 - Present
Capital Region Economic Development Council	2011 – Present
Capital Region Local Government Council	2007 - Present
City of Albany Arts, Culture and Tourism Commission	2001 -2004
Governor's Small Business Task Force	2009 - 2010
Power of SUNY Strategic Plan Task Force	2010
Re-Capitalize Albany 2006	2006 - 2007
Regional Development Coordinating Council	2007 - Present
Town of Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency – Chair	1999 - 2004
White House Regional Summit on Community Colleges	2011
NYS Capital Region Economic Development Council	2011

Industry Associations

America's Edge New York State Advisory Board
Business Council of New York State
Business Incubators Association of New York State
Capital District Workforce Coalition
Chief Executives Network for Manufacturing
Independent Power Producers of New York
Board of Directors – Vice Chair
Political Action Committee – Chair
Manufacturer's Association of New York State
Niagara Mohawk Master Restructuring Negotiations
NYS-ISO Board of Directors – Selection Committee
NYS Economic Development Council
Tech Valley Angels Network

Non-Profit Board Membership

Current Albany Institute of History and Art – past Vice Chair & Finance Comm. Chair
College of St. Rose Business Advisory Board
Equinox Community Council
Hope House Board – past Treasurer
Knights of Malta
Rensselaer's Lally School Dean's Council
St. Anne Institute Foundation Board – past President
University at Albany School of Business Dean's Advisory Council

Previous Capital District Community Loan Fund Development Committee
Capital District YMCA Bethlehem Branch Board of Managers
Junior Achievement of Northeastern New York Board of Directors
Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany Foundation Advisory Board
Teresian House Foundation Board – President
Villanova University Alumni Association – Class Agent