

Rodney Crim
Interim CEO and President
St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

A nationally recognized leader in economic development, Rodney Crim serves as the interim CEO and President of the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, a regional economic development organization for St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The Partnership provides business attraction, retention and expansion services; facilitates innovation and entrepreneurship; and owns and manages four business incubators. The organization also sponsors a World Trade Center, develops and manages strategic real estate projects, facilitates the connection between businesses and workforce providers and leads a number of initiatives. These initiatives include the Mosaic Project, an effort designed to make the region more welcoming to foreign born and the St. Louis Promise Zone, an initiative to address the most distressed areas of St. Louis City and St. Louis County.

Prior to taking on the Partnership's interim CEO & President position in January, Crim was the President of the organization, a position he has held since 2013. He served as executive director of the St. Louis Development Corporation from 2002 to 2013.

Crim has a passion for economic development and is involved on local and national boards that focus on improving quality of life and economic development. In addition to his work with the St. Louis Development Corporation, Crim has served as a board member on the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), chaired the organization's diversity and inclusion committee, which led to increased diversity on the IEDC board. Crim also is an active member of the IEDC's Economic Development Research Partners, a "think tank" within the organization that studies trends and innovative approaches in economic development. He also serves on a National Product Council of the Urban Land Institute, the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank Community Development Advisory Council and the CORTEX Innovation District Board.

Crim received a BS in accounting from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business, and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul, Minn. He has received certification as an Economic Developer, Certified Economic Development Finance Professional, and a CPA. He also has received certification from Harvard University in its Executives in State and Local Government training program.

Crim has enjoyed a career in the public and private sectors in Minneapolis, Chicago and St. Louis including Pillsbury, The Musicland Group, Ameriprise, Microtron and Shorebank.