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John is a senior professional with over 25 years of experience analyzing the Washington region. For fifteen years he was at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments where he directed the planning and policy programs and economic and demographic forecasting programs for the Washington region. He helped establish and for several years directed the Cooperative Forecasting Program, which provided official forecasts for metropolitan and local planning programs in the region. Following this work with the public sector, John was a senior executive at the Greater Washington Board of Trade, where he directed policy and research programs for the region's business community. He helped establish and directed The Potomac Conference, a process of convening the region's public and private sector leadership to address regional issues. He created the "State of Potomac" presentation and other economic research and analytical materials regarding the size and changing nature of the regional economy. Following his work at the Board of Trade, John directed economic and real estate research for the Northeast region of the U.S. for a major international commercial real estate company.

John received a BS in Civil Engineering from Duke University and a Masters of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Planning Association, the National Capital Region Technology Investor Conference, and the Arlington County Planning Commission. He received the 1998 Individual Achievement Award for service to the Washington region by the National Capital Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is a graduate of Leadership Washington.