



**Brian P. McGowan**  
**U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development**



Brian McGowan was appointed U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) in September 2009. Before joining the Obama Administration, he was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger and served as California's Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Commerce.

McGowan has over 15 years of economic development experience at all levels of government. He was appointed as the Economic Development Agency Administrator for the County of San Bernardino, California where he was responsible for overseeing four departments. He also worked in the economic development departments for the California cities of Ontario and Palm Springs in California. In addition, McGowan consulted on a U.S. Agency for International Development funded program where he developed economic growth programs for cities in Bulgaria and Serbia.

McGowan's broad experience in the field of economic development has allowed him to create and implement comprehensive and award winning marketing/public relations campaigns, workforce development initiatives, business retention/expansion programs and support networks for businesses and entrepreneurs. McGowan also created the Palm Springs Foreign Trade Zone and led a series of trade missions to China for both the City of Ontario and County of San Bernardino – and created a permanent Office of International Trade. He also chaired the California International Trade Advisory Council and spearheaded several trade programs with Mexico and Germany.

In California, McGowan also served as the Chairman of the Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank and on the boards of the Employment Training Panel, the California Workforce Investment Board, the California Association for Local Economic Development and Team California.

Brian received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Riverside and a Master's degree in Politics, Economics and Business from the Claremont Graduate University. He is also the Michael and Mary Johnston Fellow at the Claremont Graduate University where he is completing a PhD in American Politics and Policy.