

David J. Zembiec

Prior to assuming the role of CEO in 2021, Mr. Zembiec served as the agency's deputy CEO from 2009 to 2020.

He previously served as the Director of Community Development for the NYS Tug Hill Commission—providing grassroots technical assistance to rural communities in the Tug Hill region, covering portions of Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and Oneida Counties.

Dave has been involved in business recruitment and retention activities, workforce development, strategic planning assistance to communities and non-profit organizations, downtown revitalization, and tourism development and promotion.

He is past president of the Watertown Rotary Club; chair of Advocate Drum (formerly Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization); board member the North Country Alliance; board member of the Watertown Local Development Corporation; member of the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board; member of the Career & Technical Education Advisory Committee for the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES; and serves on the advisory board for the Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College.

He has a Master of Public Administration degree from SUNY Brockport.