

DOUG ROTHWELL

President & CEO

Doug Rothwell has worked as an executive in the public, private and non-profit sectors having worked for three state Governor's and two Fortune 500 companies. As President & CEO of Business Leaders for Michigan, a business roundtable of the state's top 75 CEO's, he has led efforts to make Michigan a top ten state for economic growth through state policy changes and privately-led economic development initiatives.

Prior to his current position, Doug served as:

- President of Detroit Renaissance, a regional CEO roundtable where he led the development & implementation of the region's first economic growth strategy.
- Executive Director of Worldwide Real Estate for General Motors
- President and Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, an organization he founded and helped Michigan be named the number one state for attracting and retaining corporate site location investments an unprecedented four years in a row, cited for achieving one of the top business climates in the nation and consistently named as having the best state economic development agency.
- Chief of Staff to the Governor of Delaware
- Executive Vice President at MBNA Corporation (now part of Bank of America)

Doug holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Delaware and attended the John F. Kennedy School's residential program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University.

He is one of handful of state executives to be honored with the National Governors' Association's outstanding public service award and also received the President's Outstanding Public Service award from the University of Delaware. His leadership in economic policy and development has been recognized by being named Real Estate Innovator of the Year by CoreNet Global, CEO of the Year by Automation Alley, Michigan's Champion of Economic Education by the State's Economic Education Council and the Outstanding Regional Leader of the Year by the Engineering Society of Detroit.