

**Robert W. Christoph, Jr.**  
**President**  
**RCI Group**

Robert W. Christoph, Jr. is President of RCI Group. For the past 19 years he has been responsible for directing and overseeing new developments in virtually every sector of the real estate industry. In his position, he is responsible for the strategic direction of the company, overall management of the firm, and the pursuit of new development opportunities and financing activities across all business platforms.

Christoph serves on the Board of the University of Miami School of Architecture MRED+U (Master of Real Estate Development + Urbanism), is a Board member on the Marina and Waterfront Protection Authority Committee for the City of Miami Beach, a Board Member of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, and serves on the Founders Board at Mount Sinai Hospital. Over the years, Christoph has received numerous honors for his business, civic and philanthropic activities. Christoph graduated from Central Michigan University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and earned his Master's degree in Business Administration from The University of Miami.

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**Joe DeLong**  
**Executive Director & CEO**  
**Connecticut Conference of Municipalities**

Joe DeLong is CCM's Executive Director & CEO. He received his Master of Business Administration from West Virginia University (WVU). While attending WVU he was a standout athlete on the football team and helped the Mountaineers to an undefeated regular season in 1993. Prior to joining CCM in April 2015, DeLong spent time as a State House Majority Leader and the Chief Executive of a \$100 million public/private corporation.

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**Peter Denious**  
**President & CEO**  
**AdvanceCT**

Peter Denious leads the AdvanceCT team as its President and CEO. He came to AdvanceCT in August 2019 as an accomplished private equity and venture capital professional who helped realize commercial and economic opportunity by connecting ideas, people, and capital. For the previous 17 years, Denious worked for FLAG Capital Management and its successor, Aberdeen Standard Investments, based in Stamford, CT. He was a member of the senior leadership team responsible for growing the FLAG private equity platform to over \$6.5B in AUM from approximately \$1B when he joined in 2001. During his tenure, Denious oversaw the venture

capital fund investment program and became deeply involved with FLAG's push into international markets, particularly Europe and Asia. He was a member of both the Investment and Management Committees and was ultimately responsible for a \$2B investment portfolio. Before FLAG, he worked for J.H. Whitney & Co. a direct private investment firm based in Stamford, CT. Denious started his private equity career following business school at BancBoston Capital based in Boston, MA. Prior to graduate school, he worked for Prudential Securities and Chemical Bank in investment and commercial banking. Denious is a graduate of Trinity College and received his MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, where he is a board member of the Center for Private Equity and Venture Capital. He is an Ex-Officio member of the Governor's Workforce Council. He is also a member of Social Venture Partners Connecticut, a not for profit focused on closing the opportunity gap in Connecticut by supporting innovative organizations and initiatives in education and workforce development.

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**David Kooris**  
**President**  
**Stamford Downtown**

David Kooris is President of Stamford Downtown, the largest business improvement district in Connecticut. Stamford Downtown produces concerts, parades, public art exhibits, and a multitude of smaller events and is responsible for cleaning and greening downtown's streetscape. It is the primary voice for responsible development policy, ensuring that public infrastructure and private investment work together to continue to make Stamford Downtown the most vibrant urban neighborhood in the state and the region. Kooris is also the Chair of the Board of the Connecticut Port Authority and a Lecturer in urban planning and Yale University's School of the Environment. He is the former Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Director of Resilience of the Connecticut Department of Housing, Director of the City of Bridgeport Office of Planning and Economic Development, and Vice President and Connecticut Director of Regional Plan Association. He has consulted globally and held local elected office in the City of Stamford.

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**Frederick Treyz, Ph.D.**  
**CEO and Chief Economist**  
**Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI)**

Frederick R. Treyz, Ph.D. is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Economist at Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI), a leading provider of dynamic economic and demographic modeling software and consulting. He is an authority on analyzing public policies and their regional macroeconomic and population impacts. Under Treyz's leadership, REMI has shaped public policy debates by helping clients evaluate economic development, transportation, energy, immigration reform, and other topics. The company's clients include federal, state, and regional agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, leading national associations, universities, and consultants who seek to analyze the implications of public policy. He holds an A.B. in Economics from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania.