



Todd Coleman Biography

Todd Coleman is an executive leader in economic development with a record of delivering jobs and leading successful organizations. Todd currently serves as the Executive Director of the West Plains Airport Area Public Development Authority. In his current role, he partners with local organizations to bring properties to shovel-ready status through the development of infrastructure and proactive marketing. Prior to his role as Executive Director, Todd served in several executive capacities at the Port of Vancouver USA, including; directing capital projects, serving as the Deputy Executive Director for seven years and leading as the CEO for four years.

In his tenure at the Port of Vancouver, Todd added significant real estate to the port. These properties now serve as strategic marine and industrial developments and have created thousands of family-wage jobs. He led the organization through strategic planning, created the port's first wetland mitigation bank, recruited new businesses and retained key customers—preserving critical jobs in the community. During his time at the port, revenues increased from \$6 million to more than \$40 million, and the port's operating margin increased to nearly 30 percent. He successfully led the organization to receive more than \$90 million in grants to support infrastructure development and redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Most recently, Todd has engaged in starting up a quasi-governmental public development authority from the ground up. He has an in-depth knowledge of the processes and policies which must be in place to efficiently and financially support the organization, and to comply with local, state and federal rules. Working with a wide range of stakeholders including multiple cities, tribes, chambers, economic development organizations and private developers, he has led the Public Development Authority to a key role as an integral partner in the recruitment of new businesses to the Spokane region. He is currently working with customers to finance the first commercial and industrial space to be owned by the Public Development Authority.

As a licensed professional civil engineer in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, Todd has nearly 15 years of experience working in private consulting assisting communities, port districts and private developers create the infrastructure necessary to support thriving communities.

Todd earned a bachelor of civil engineering from the University of Washington and an MBA with stakeholder focus from Washington State University (WSU).

Todd is passionate about supporting economic development, and has used his expertise to serve on many boards including: the West Plains Chamber of Commerce, Washington State Transportation Improvement Board, WSU-Vancouver Advisory Board, WSU-Vancouver College of Business Advisory Board, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Clark County Railroad Advisory Board, American Association of Port Authorities Board of Directors, Washington Public Ports Association and the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association Board of Directors. For his contribution and dedication to his community, Todd was recognized as one of Clark County's Accomplished and Under 40 in 2006.

Outside of work, Todd enjoys spending time with his daughters running relay races and supporting them in their equestrian events.