



**Steve Arwood, Chief Executive Officer  
Michigan Economic Development Corporation**

**Current Focus**

As CEO, Steve Arwood is charged with implementing and executing MEDC's core mission of business development and attraction, community development, providing access to capital and improving Michigan's image and brand. His responsibilities will include administering all programs, funds, personnel, contracts and all other administrative functions of MEDC.

**Professional Background**

From early 2015 through late 2016 Arwood was appointed director of the newly created state department, Talent and Economic Development, which brings state job creation and economic development efforts together under one umbrella. The department consists of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and the newly created Talent Investment Agency, which joins the efforts of the Unemployment Insurance Agency and the Workforce Development Agency.

In 2013, Governor Rick Snyder appointed Steve Arwood as director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and chief regulatory officer to serve in a leadership role in reinventing the state's regulatory and licensing environment. He served as LARA deputy director overseeing the Unemployment Insurance Agency and Employment Security and Workplace Safety, which includes MIOSHA, Employment Relations and Workers' Compensation. He joined LARA in 2011 from Windlab Developments, USA, LTD, where he served as U.S. regional director. He has worked in wind energy development, conservation, and business development since 1999. He previously served as deputy director and other executive management positions at the Michigan Jobs Commission under Governor John Engler. He has also served as director for the House of Representatives Programs and Policy, and the National Federation of Independent Business-Michigan.

**Education**

Arwood is a graduate of the James Madison College at Michigan State University.