
MARK ANTHONY THOMAS

President, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance



Mark Anthony Thomas was appointed president of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, effective July 2019. He is responsible for creating, developing and executing the 10-county Pittsburgh region's economic development strategy and advancing partnerships to drive job creation and business investment. Mark has nearly two decades of experience crafting and executing economic growth strategies and cross-sector collaboration for New York City, Los Angeles and Atlanta. In 2016, Mark was selected by New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) to serve as its first Senior Vice President of Partnerships, establishing teams to foster and manage industry and international relationships and business attraction. He played a pivotal role in launching the city's \$1.3 billion effort to catalyze 100,000 jobs in emerging industry sectors and further diversify the local economy. He's led efforts to partner with New York's international trade community to advance the city's global startup attraction, an approach recognized as the top North American FDI Strategy by *fDi* (Foreign Direct Investment) magazine in 2019.

Prior to NYCEDC, Mark served as the City of Los Angeles' inaugural FUSE Executive Fellow, leading efforts to make the city's neighborhoods more livable. He then served as Director of the Mayor's Operations Innovation Team, a partnership between the Mayor's Office and the Los Angeles Coalition for the Economy and Jobs, to spearhead reforms of the city's procurement, real estate asset management and risk management operations. Before entering the public sector, Mark worked in the media sector, shaping content and investigative journalism on social impact, economic development and effective governance.

Mark serves on the Board of Directors for the Power of 32 Site Development Fund (Chairman), Fuse Corps and the Camille A. Brown Dance Company. He is a graduate of MIT (MBA), Columbia University (MPA), and the University of Georgia.

