

Cindy Douglas – Bio

Cindy Douglas serves as Vice President for Technology Development at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the state's lead economic development agency. Her unit oversees Michigan's 21st Century Jobs Fund—a \$2 billion, 10-year initiative to diversify Michigan's economy.

Over the past two years, her efforts have resulted in the creation of two fund-of-funds investing nearly \$200 million in equity capital funds in Michigan, an \$8 million pre-seed fund for young technology companies, and \$126 million in awards to 26 technology companies, research projects and entrepreneurial infrastructure. She directs efforts to commercialize and spin out technology through Michigan's outstanding universities and businesses; further develop and grow the state's venture and angel capital industries; and foster an environment in which entrepreneurship can flourish. These efforts include the oversight and development of Michigan's 12 SmartZone areas and 7 Business Accelerators—clusters of technological innovation and business growth.

Cindy has more than 25 years of experience with a variety of economic development agencies within the state with a career focus on customer advocacy, marketing and small business.