

## **BIOGRAPHY - DEWITT PEART**

**Executive Vice President, Economic Development, Allegheny Conference on Community Development  
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Dewitt Peart is the executive vice president, economic development, at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and president of the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance (PRA), an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference. The PRA markets the benefits of conducting business in southwestern Pennsylvania to companies worldwide that are growing, relocating or expanding and supports the growth of existing employers in the Pittsburgh region.

Under his leadership, the PRA has closed more than 100 economic development deals over the last three years, resulting in investment, employment and prosperity in the Pittsburgh region. The PRA, in both 2007 and 2008, was named one of the U.S.'s top ten economic development organizations by *Site Selection*. Similarly, Pittsburgh has been internationally recognized for "best foreign direct investment strategy" by *fDi*, a publication of the *Financial Times*. This achievement is an outcome of the PRA's global marketing strategies, particularly in Europe and Asia, which acquaint international audiences with Pittsburgh and aim to attract foreign investment to the region.

Dewitt has also served as senior vice president of government affairs at the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, another Conference affiliate. He provided oversight for the government affairs program managing issues such as education, regulations, tax policy, transportation and other infrastructure issues at the federal, state and local levels.

Dewitt's advocacy work began in 2002 when he was the executive director of the Regional Development Consortium. His responsibilities included coordinating, advocating and facilitating activities to promote high-quality commercial development, which attract jobs and residents to southwestern Pennsylvania.

From 1988 to 2002, Dewitt worked at various real estate development companies where he provided oversight for phases of large-scale development projects including land-use planning, master planning, asset management, construction, property management and marketing.

His development of nearly 7 million square feet of industrial buildings and expertise in brownfield and urban redevelopment distinguish Dewitt's career in real estate, which spans over two decades.

Dewitt is a member of the board of directors of the Pittsburgh chapter of NAIOP (the Commercial Real Estate Development Association). He is also a member of the NAIOP Corporate Sustainable Development Committee, member of the Urban Redevelopment Forum and chair of the Sustainable Development Award Committee.

A native of Pittsburgh, Dewitt has a bachelor's degree in business administration in accounting from Robert Morris University. He has a master's degree in public management from Carnegie Mellon University.