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# DENNIS YABLONSKY

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*Chief Executive Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development*



Dennis Yablonsky became the Chief Executive Officer of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and its affiliated organizations – the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, the Pennsylvania Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh, LLC and the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance – on March 24, 2009.

A native of the Pittsburgh region, Dennis is an accomplished and experienced veteran of managing and leading dynamic business growth – as a private business leader, a nonprofit economic development professional and a high-ranking appointed government official.

He has grown companies from the ground up to a greater profitability and success both in the private sector and as the founding CEO of the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse and the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, revolutionary models for the focused growth of technology companies. During his service as Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), he brought together both an economic stimulus program and the policies needed to support business growth, expansion and location and to build economic vitality in communities across the Commonwealth.

Prior to joining the Allegheny Conference, Dennis served as Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development from February 2003 to October 2008. As Secretary, Dennis played a lead role in the development and implementation of an economic stimulus program that featured more than \$3 billion of investment in the Commonwealth's infrastructure, core communities and job-producing businesses. He also helped develop the Governor's \$650 million energy fund designed to reduce dependence on foreign oil and grow the energy economy in Pennsylvania.

Dennis spent the first 24 years of his career working for and leading two successful software companies: Cincom Systems in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Carnegie Group in Pittsburgh. At Cincom Systems, an independent software company based in Ohio, he progressed through the company's organization to eventually become chief operating officer and to help grow the company into a \$125 million global organization. In 1987, Dennis became chief executive officer of the Carnegie Group in Pittsburgh. By 1999, he turned the unprofitable enterprise into a \$32 million publicly traded software solutions company that became integrated into Logica North America.

In 1999, Dennis became the founding CEO of the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse and, in 2001, the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, innovative models for doing technology-based economic development.

Dennis serves on the boards of the Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC), the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF), the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse (PLSG), Vibrant Pittsburgh, the Senator John Heinz History Center and the Pittsburgh Public Theater. He is also a member of the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics Board of Fellows, and a recipient of an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Point Park University for his leadership in the Pittsburgh region.

Dennis and his wife, Veronica, live in the Pittsburgh area. They enjoy spending time with their two daughters and four grandchildren.

