

BIOGRAPHY FOR CHRIS STRAYER

Chris Strayer joined the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce staff February 12, 2018 as senior vice president of Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion, leading one of four pillars of the Chamber's four-year strategic plan, *Fortify*.

Strayer came to Fort Worth, Texas, from Columbus, Ohio, where he was a project manager for Business Development and Project Management at Columbus 2020, the economic development organization for the 11-county Columbus region.

There, he oversaw more than 180 successful projects with more than \$1.5 billion in investments and 35,000 retained and created jobs. Clients have included Verizon, Kroger, Abbott Laboratories and Avnet, as well as several other Fortune 500 companies.

In addition, he led the SiteOhio site authentication process for the Columbus Region. This process includes real estate identification, site due diligence documents, utility location and capacity concerns and site visit protocol.

With a background in land use planning, civil & environmental engineering, construction, land development and government at the local and state level, Strayer understands the process that companies must embark upon for the expansion of their organizational footprint.

Strayer holds a B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from Michigan State University and an Economic Development Finance Professional credential from the National Development Council.

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The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, with 2,000 member businesses, is one of the largest chambers in North Texas. Through its core functions of business attraction and retention, talent development, small business and entrepreneur support, and government advocacy, the Chamber's mission is to bring the Fort Worth region together to identify issues, solve problems and help align resources resulting in a stronger business climate and greater economic prosperity for all.