

Kevin Shea

Kevin is President of the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA), which has over 700 members and is in its 52nd year of existence. GEDA's mission is to provide and promote networking and professional development opportunities and to shape economic development public policy. Shea was hired for the position in July 2014.

Previously, Kevin worked at the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Savannah Economic Development Authority. He also served for five years at the state level both as an International Representative and the Managing Director of the Canadian Office of Georgia in Toronto, Ontario, CANADA. Kevin has been involved in many new and expanding projects, including the likes of Confederation Life Insurance Company, Delta Air Lines, Fuji Vegetable Oil Company, International Flavors & Fragrances, Fort Howard Paper Company, John Deere, Mattel/Fisher Price, Monsanto, NutraSweet, Procter & Gamble, Sitel and others.

Kevin is a recipient of the GEDA Rip Wiley Award for Professional Excellence, Georgia's highest honor for an economic developer. He is also a past Chair (President at the time) of GEDA.

Kevin is a graduate of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, having earned a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service and majored in International Economics. Shea is also a graduate of the Basic Economic Development Course at Georgia Tech and the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma.

He previously worked in the field of Financial Services at Raymond James and Morgan Stanley in St. Augustine, Florida, and Fundraising at St. Joseph Hospital in Augusta, Georgia. A native of Savannah, he is married to Anne and has six children and eight grandchildren. When not working or spending time with family, Kevin enjoys reading, travel, tennis and golf.