

## Biographical Information for Mark C. Smith

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Mark C. Smith currently serves as Project Administrator for the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development initiative (WIRED). Mark provides sixteen years of direct and indirect experience in government, community, and corporate relations while working with top leaders in public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.

### Background

Prior to Joining Purdue, Mark worked for Comprehensive Mental Health Services, now Meridian Services, in February, 2004 as Vice President Community Development. Mr. Smith viewed the challenge as a unique opportunity to bridge personal talents with the immediate and unmet needs of Meridian Services. His charge--to develop and support simultaneous responsibilities that included External Marketing, Business Development, Governmental and Community Relations, Fund Development and Grant Writing.

Prior to Meridian Services, Mr. Smith acquired valuable experience by supporting Ontario Corporation, a privately held operating Company based in Muncie Indiana. During his 13-year tenure with Ontario, Mr. Smith served as: an ATP rated pilot; Director of European Sales for Pyromet Industries-a global distributor of aerospace refurbishment products and services; Vice President Sales and Marketing for Sherry Laboratories-a network of independent, third-party testing facilities; Vice President Administration, Governmental & Community Relations for Corporate Headquarters; President, Ontario Corporation Foundation and, Chairman of the Ontario Political Action Committee.

Mr. Smith has demonstrated his personal commitment by serving professional, political, governmental and non-for-profit organizations. Mr. Smith has served multiple boards that include the Indiana Manufacturers Association and Indiana Grant Makers Alliance; was President of Muncie Rotary 2005-2006; and recently appointed to the State Human Resource Investment Council (SHRIC) in 2005.

Mr. Smith received his MBA from Ball State University and BA from Purdue University.

Mr. Smith glows when describing his wife Stacey, a school psychologist, and are the proud parents of Catherine, Patrick, Erin and Laura ages 10 thru 4.

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