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Prior to EDA, Alex spent the earlier part of his career at the South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development where he helped lead business retention, recruitment, export/trade promotion, and foreign direct investment initiatives.

With the American Rescue Plan Act, EDA received \$3 Billion in supplemental funds and is diversifying itself with 6 new funding opportunities.