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## Affiliations or Memberships

Registered CPA in Illinois Lobbyist in 3 States

#### **Education or Qualifications**

MBA, Finance & Corporate Strategy, University of Michigan BS, Business Administration

Miami University (Ohio)

**Bob Westover** 

### **Area of Expertise**

Bob Westover serves as Senior Vice President and US Economics Incentives practice leader for Colliers International in Chicago. In his role, Bob works across North America to negotiate and secure local and state economic credit and incentives for our clients.

## **Professional Accomplishments**

- Guided several Fortune 1000 companies on location advisory projects including all facets of labor analytics, network optimization, and taxation profiles.
- Frequent presenter at conferences on national and economic trends, and the resultant impacts on corporate location decisions and taxation or economic incentive policies.
- Provided testimony to various legislative bodies regarding the efficacy of current economic incentives and opportunities to improve the appeal of those incentives to corporations.

# **Business and Educational Background**

Prior to joining Colliers, Bob served as senior vice president at Cresa Global Partners LLC. He joined Cresa in 2016 after spending over 11 years as director of economic development with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce, where his primary responsibilities were in business development, vetting all in-bound economic incentive requests for the legitimacy of each business case and determining the appropriate awards.

Prior to his time with the State of Illinois, he served as a director of corporate development for Steris Corporation, where he led a team in

the assessment of potential corporate acquisitions, closing several global deals with a market value of over \$500 million. He also worked at A.T. Kearney as an associate in the strategic services group.

He earned a Master of Business Administration in finance and corporate strategy from the University of Michigan and Bachelor of Science in business administration from Miami University.

#### **Sample Incentive Achievements**

Bob has obtained economic incentives for dozens of companies in office or industrial settings of all sizes, including:

**KeHE Distributors** 

Bytemark

Upwork

Charles Schwab

**Enova Financial** 

Magna Automotive

FirstSource

Home Run Inn Pizza

## **Community Involvement**

Board of Directors, Chicago District Golf Association