

Jonathan McGee

Jonathan McGee is a social entrepreneur, civic leader, and external affairs expert with over 7 years of non-profit, public sector, and social impact experience. He currently serves as Deputy Director of Regional Economic Development for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Prior to this role, he founded The Global Organization for Applied Political Leadership, the first of its kind global training incubator for advocacy, specifically focused on lower socioeconomic communities of color.



Jonathan is an Adjunct Professor for West Virginia University, where he teaches Event Planning in the Reed College of Media. He previously consulted for Get In Chicago and The Chicago Community Trust's Civic Engagement team where he led social capital initiatives, and facilitated programming in Chicago's neighborhoods most impacted by poverty and violence.

As former Senior Marketing Director at the Graduate School of Political Management, he oversaw the development and execution of the marketing/recruitment strategy for the first and foremost school of applied politics, legislative affairs, strategic public relations, and global advocacy.

He also served as a Legislative Assistant for U.S Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX 30). His legislative portfolio included the following issue areas: Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Energy, Education, Telecommunications, Science, Space, and Technology. Lastly, Jonathan worked for the Partnership for Public Service, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that seeks to revitalize our federal government by transforming the way government works and inspiring a new generation to serve.

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Law Enforcement from Western Illinois University, and a Masters of Professional Studies in Political Management degree from George Washington University.