

## **KATHLEEN T. SNYDER, CCE**

Kathy Snyder's background includes more than 20 years as a chamber executive. Since October 1999, she has served as President and CEO of the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce, which has 840 business members who employ 440,000 people in the state. Its statewide mission is to maximize opportunities for its members and their employees to grow and prosper through legislative advocacy, business connections and timely communications. She was named Chamber Executive of the Year in May 2007 by the Maryland Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. She earned her CCE (Certified Chamber Executive) designation in October 2000 and is one of only 500 chamber executives throughout the country with this designation.

Prior to her service at the Maryland Chamber, Ms. Snyder worked for seven years as President/CEO of the Alexandria, Virginia, Chamber of Commerce. For more than five years, she served as Executive Vice President of the Prince George's County Chamber. She holds a Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland College Park and a Master's degree in public relations from The American University.