

Paige Russell Bethke

Paige Bethke is Economic Development Director for Talbot County, where she is responsible for the attraction of new businesses, and the retention and expansion of the existing business base. Previously, she was in training as a commercial appraiser and contracted with The Greenlee Group in Easton. Her prior experience includes 14 years with the Division of Regional Development, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, where she served as regional manager for the Southern and Eastern Shore regions. Her accomplishments included assistance with several marketing and development initiatives: the Eastern Shore Business Network, the Chesapeake Bay Center for Technical Excellence, the Eastern Shore Marketing Partnership, the Mid Shore and Lower Shore regional councils; management and administration of over \$30 million in training funds to Eastern Shore companies; the MIPS review team for technology start-ups; and business site location and expansion projects. Ms. Bethke also served as the Business Development Director, responsible for corporate training delivery to a five-county area, for Chesapeake College.

She earned a Bachelor's degree from Catholic University and a Master's degree from the University of Maryland, University College.