



## **James C. Dinegar, CAE**

President and CEO

Greater Washington Board of Trade

Jim Dinegar joined the Greater Washington Board of Trade as president and chief executive officer in July 2006. As president and CEO, Dinegar oversees an organization that represents major business interests throughout Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia and Suburban Maryland.

The Board of Trade puts its focus on the critical issues facing the Greater Washington Region: transportation; emergency preparedness and business continuity; green as a competitive advantage; and the workforce in regards to recruiting and retaining highly qualified people.

The Board of Trade is steadily growing in size and influence as it celebrates its 120<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Throughout its history, the Board of Trade has been instrumental in creating and protecting the environs of Greater Washington for the population and business.

Before coming to the Board of Trade, Jim Dinegar served as chief operating officer of the American Institute for Architects (AIA) where he was responsible for the overall operation of a 77,000-member organization and directed strategic efforts in the areas of education, technology, international collaboration, organizational alliances and government advocacy. During his six-year tenure, Dinegar oversaw the growth of annual revenues by more than \$20 million – from \$34 million in 1999 to over \$56 million for the 2006 budget – always resulting in net operating profits.

Dinegar is a 30-year resident of the Greater Washington region. He is a graduate of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and he resides in Arlington, VA with his young children, Abby and Ben.