



MEDA Council of Past Presidents Advisory Service

Council Protocols

The Council of Past Presidents was founded by former MEDA President John Savich with the vision to establish a forum that provides meaningful assistance to Maryland communities by eliciting the significant experience of MEDA Past Presidents. Each of these individuals has served the economic development profession in Maryland, usually in senior positions. Every member of the council has also served as a President of either MEDA or its predecessor, MIDAS.

The council ‘gives back’ to the community by offering a group consulting experience to any member organization at no charge. The Council’s *consultants* are hand selected from its members depending on the particular assignment or specific request of by the representative of the organization/jurisdiction.

Consultancy can be on a targeted project or on a broad issue affecting an economic development program. The combined experience of the council members enables us to provide flexible and supportive service that is results-oriented. Organizations and communities throughout Maryland have benefitted from this service.

It is noted that by participating in a consulting day, members sometimes have unique access to follow up assignments. However, it is understood that Council members will refrain from soliciting follow-up paid consultancy during the Council engagement period. Discussions of follow up assignments will not occur during the Council consulting. If the community would like to request follow up assistance, any such professional consulting will be distributed in a fair and equitable way to all of the Council’s membership.

It is also important that the assistance provided is free, confidential, but not restrictive. In every case, the county or city economic development director will be invited to participate in the session if discussion is related to their community.

In this regard:

1. Organizations receiving assistance are advised that the assistance is confidential; however, a summary report will be shared at the annual meeting of the Past President’s Council.
2. Clients will be advised that the MEDA Past President’s Council consulting session is free.
3. Many of our members provide expert services and may have an interest in providing additional services. Generally, this is not discussed in any detail during the Council’s assistance.
4. If an RFP or additional work is forthcoming, jurisdictions are asked to coordinate with MEDA so that all members can consider responding.

MEDA is proud to present some of its most experienced members in a way that serves our member organizations, jurisdictions and the entire State of Maryland.

Comments made during the meeting by individuals do not necessarily reflect the opinion of MEDA as an organization and should not be reported as a “MEDA statement.” MEDA remains a non-partisan organization that does not take a position on legislative issues.

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