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Leigh McIntosh is an economic development veteran, with over 20 years of experience in the non-profit, public, and private sectors. Focusing on the areas of strategy development, project management, marketing, and public affairs, Leigh brings a diverse background and strong technical knowledge of organizational development and sustainability.

Before joining Langley Group, Leigh worked with Mike Langley at the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, serving in many different roles across the affiliated organizations. Most recently, Leigh was Senior Vice President of Special Projects and Executive Director of the Joint Readiness Center – Pittsburgh Task Force. She guided the public-private effort that was created after the 2005 federal post-Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission activities, working toward the establishment of and concept of operations for the country's first Joint Readiness Center (JRC), to provide surge medical care at times of federal emergency response to natural or man-made disasters.

Leigh first joined the marketing affiliate of the Allegheny Conference, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, as Vice President of Business Attraction and was responsible for active project management, strategic planning, market research and analysis, and implementation and maintenance of operational areas of the organization. McIntosh also worked as Vice President of Public Affairs with the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, and was a registered state and federal lobbyist, advocating for improvements to the Pittsburgh region's business climate and competitiveness issues.

Prior to joining the PRA, Leigh was the Director of Business Development with the Pittsburgh Technology Council and Southwestern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center; and Manager of Economic Development for Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. and Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc. The late Governor Robert P. Casey appointed Leigh to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Action Team. In 1995, she was asked to continue her dedication to this assignment by then Governor Tom Ridge.

In January 2002, Leigh was designated as a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) as bestowed by the International Economic Development Council. The highest recognition in the economic development field, the CEcD program is designed to recognize the professional economic developer and to establish the standard of excellence for the profession. A member of the International Economic Development Council, Leigh serves as a grader for CEcD candidate examinations.

Leigh received her B.S. degree in Public Administration from The Pennsylvania State University and an M.B.A. in management from Eastern University, where she was admitted into the Delta Mu Delta national honor society for business administration. A published author, Leigh's most recent work can be found in *Commonwealth – A Journal of Political Science, Special Policy Issue: Emergency Management in Pennsylvania* (May 2009).