

Bill Cork

*Executive Director and Chief Economic Development Officer
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EVENT INTRODUCTION

Bill Cork is the Executive Director and Chief Economic Development Officer of the Mississippi Development Authority, appointed by Governor Tate Reeves and confirmed by the Mississippi Senate. He leads a team of more than 190 professionals and a \$400 million budget spanning business recruitment, international trade, tourism, energy, and community development.

Under his leadership, Mississippi has secured more than \$80 billion in capital investment and over 25,500 new jobs across more than 235 projects, including the largest deals in state history with firms like xAI and Amazon Data Services. His trade missions have carried Mississippi's message across five continents.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Bill previously led the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission and TexAmericas Center in Texas. He holds a master's in urban planning from the University of Illinois. He and his wife Nina, a commercial artist, have four children and six grandchildren.

Please welcome Bill Cork.