

Jim DINEGAR

President and CEO

Greater Washington Board of Trade

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Jim Dinegar joined the Greater Washington Board of Trade as president and chief executive officer in July 2006. As president and CEO, Dinegar oversees all internal and external operations for the Board of Trade, the premier business organization for Greater Washington. The Board of Trade is the largest regional network of business and non-profit leaders and the only local organization representing all industry sectors.

At the Board of Trade, Jim has set a course to clarify and focus the mission of the organization to grow business and improve the quality of life in the region. This begins with a renewed emphasis on advocacy, research and programs that help business leaders strengthen their collective voice.

Previously, Dinegar served as chief operating officer of the American Institute for Architects (AIA) where he was responsible for the overall operation of the 80,000-member organization and directed strategic efforts in the areas of education, technology, international collaboration, organizational alliances and government advocacy. He oversaw the growth of the 25,000 person Annual Convention and directed the improvement process of a software product that helped grow the organization's resources and improve customer satisfaction.

Dinegar began his Washington career as a representative for the Independent Insurance Agents of America. Later he served as manager/director of government affairs for the American Society of Association Executives and vice president of government affairs for the Building Owners and Managers Association, International.

He is a 28-year resident of the Greater Washington region and a graduate of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In 2005, Jim was selected to join the Board of Directors for the American Society of Association Executives for a three year term.