

ROBERT STURNS, EDFP

Director, Economic Development

City of Fort Worth

Robert Sturns has more than 20 years' experience holding leadership roles in municipal government, commercial real estate and banking operations, with over 15 years' experience negotiating terms and structuring deals for economic and community development programs in Texas. As a certified Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP), Mr. Sturns has received numerous awards and accolades for creative and successful business recruitment/retention efforts. By leveraging partnerships with public and private entities, he has been directly engaged in the announcement of over \$3.0 billion in new capital investment and 23,000 jobs.

In his current role, he is responsible for the economic development initiatives for the City of Fort Worth, including Business Attraction & Retention, the Office of Business Diversity and the Office of Small Business Development. Mr. Sturns also serves on numerous boards and commissions across the community including Cancer Care Services, Cristo Rey Fort Worth, Fort Worth Country Day, The Multicultural Alliance and the North Central Texas Economic Development District. He is an Ex-Officio Board Member for Accelerate DFW Foundation, Fort Worth South Inc. and Fort Worth Sister Cities International.

He is currently a member of the International Economic Development Council, Texas Economic Development Council, International Council of Shopping Centers, Rotary Club, and Leadership Fort Worth.

Mr. Sturns received a commission as an Officer in the United States Army Reserve where he served for 10 years and reached the rank of Captain. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Texas Christian University and a Bachelor of Arts from Stephen F. Austin State University.