

Mario Burgos is an accomplished market entrepreneur with a distinguished career spanning over 25 years in C-level operations and professional services across various industries in the United States and internationally. He is a graduate of New York University, where he earned a B.A., and California State University, Northridge, where he obtained an M.S.

In his current role as Chief Strategy Officer of Prairie Band, LLC, Mario is responsible for shaping and executing the strategic vision of the company. His wealth of experience and innovative thinking make him a driving force in the organization's growth and success.

Before joining Prairie Band, LLC, Mario served as the President & CEO of Burgos Group, where he provided strategic leadership, market focus, and operational expertise. Under his guidance, Burgos Group achieved remarkable growth, expanding from two employees into a thriving coast-to-coast federal contractor. The company had appeared on the Inc. 5000 list six times – something achieved by only three percent of Inc. 5000 companies. Burgos Group had been awarded contracts in sixteen states for fourteen different federal agencies – including over \$12B in prime multiple award IDIQ construction contracts.

In 2015, Burgos Group received recognition as the SBA Prime Contractor of the Year for Region VI, nominated by the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL). In 2017, Mario himself was honored as the SBA Small Business Person of the Year for New Mexico. The company also received the 2017 Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Industry Small Business Award during his tenure.

Prior to his role at Burgos Group, Mario demonstrated his entrepreneurial acumen as the managing member of a full-service marketing and communications firm. In just 24 months, he spearheaded its growth from \$300,000 to nearly \$3 million in revenue, serving clients in New Mexico and across the nation.

Mario's commitment to community involvement is as diverse as his professional journey. He coached boys' competitive soccer teams for nine years and contributed to IRS reform as the chairman of two committees on the National Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, an appointment by the U.S. Treasury Secretary and the IRS Commissioner.

Currently, Mario serves on the National Board of Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). He is also the immediate past-Chair of the SAME National Small Business Community of Interest. He is a past Board Member of the Associated Builders and Contractors of New Mexico and is also an active member of the Associated General Contractors.