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Sheila Martin is Vice President for Economic Development and Community Engagement at the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. She engages with senior university leaders and policy stakeholders on issues relating to talent and workforce development, innovation and entrepreneurship, and social, cultural and community engagement including directing APLU's Commission on Economic and Community Engagement.

Prior to arriving APLU, Dr. Martin served as Director of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies and the Population Research Center at Portland State University. She provided a portal to the University's knowledge resources for the community and directed the Institute's research and service activities. Dr. Martin also served as a faculty member in the Nohad A. Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning. She taught courses on economic development policy and mentored students interested in economic and community development and community engagement. Dr. Martin was to serve as a visiting Fulbright scholar at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia in 2012-2013.

Prior to joining PSU in 2004, Dr. Martin served as Washington State Governor Gary Locke's economic development advisor, developing and implementing the Governor's economic development initiatives. Dr. Martin also worked as a Senior Economist at the Research Triangle Institute. While at RTI, Sheila built a research program in technology economics and policy, directing research about the value of innovation, the impact of technology on industry, and the effectiveness of technology policy. Sheila earned a B. A. in Economics and Political Science from Southern Illinois University, M.A. in International Studies from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky and a Ph.D. in Economics from Iowa State University.