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Dan Berglund is the president and CEO of SSTI, a non-profit organization that leads, supports, and strengthens efforts to improve state and regional economies through science, technology, and innovation. SSTI is the most comprehensive resource available for those involved in technology-based economic development. Leading SSTI since its inception in 1996, Mr. Berglund has helped SSTI develop a nationwide network of practitioners and policymakers dedicated to improving the economy through science and technology. SSTI works with this network to assist states and communities as they build tech-based economies, conduct research on best practices and trends in tech-based economic development, and encourage cooperation among and between state and federal programs.

Under Mr. Berglund's leadership, SSTI has developed a range of services focused on communication, education, information, and research. The *SSTI Weekly Digest* provides its readership of several thousand with information on the key stories affecting the tech-based economic development community. The SSTI Annual Conference routinely attracts hundreds of tech-based economic development practitioners and policymakers to further their professional development and learn how to apply best practices to their situation. Mr. Berglund also oversees SSTI's research projects, which have included an examination of state R&D tax incentives, science and technology strategic planning, and funding for tech-based economic development.

In addition to being a frequent speaker at national and international conferences, Mr. Berglund has provided assistance to dozens of states and localities as they create, administer, and evaluate their tech-based economic development programs and strategies. He currently serves or has served on a number of boards or advisory committees including: the Committee of Experts for the Council of Competitiveness' Center for Regional Innovation; the Hawaii Innovation Council; the Georgia Tech School of Public Policy Advisory Board; Advisory Group for the Connecticut Governor's Advisory Board for Technology Transfer and Commercialization; and, an Advisor for the Impact Assessment of Texas' Advanced Technology and Technology Development Programs.

Mr. Berglund is the co-author of *Partnerships: A Compendium of State and Federal Cooperative Technology Programs*, the first comprehensive description of technology-based economic development programs. The publication provides an in-depth review of the state and federal government's programs, including their goals, administration, and their results.

Prior to joining SSTI, Mr. Berglund worked as a private consultant. This work included: the development of an economic impact assessment report for a state technology program; preparation of a regional technology strategy for a multi-county region; and, a feasibility study for a university-industry marine science and technology center.

Mr. Berglund served as the Director of Ohio's Thomas Edison Program and the Ohio Technology Transfer Organization (OTTO), Ohio's largest public/private economic development programs. The Edison Program is widely recognized as a national leader in business/university cooperation in the development and implementation of new technology. OTTO was one of the nation's oldest industrial extension agent programs.

Prior to his appointment as Director, Mr. Berglund served as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Development's Division of Technological Innovation. In this role, Mr. Berglund participated in the development of Ohio's science and technology strategic plan, the creation and implementation of Ohio's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, and the evaluation and funding for the Edison Technology Centers, Edison Incubators, and Edison Seed Development Fund.

Mr. Berglund holds a B.A. in Political Science and Economics and a B.A. in History from Ohio University.