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Brian P. McGowan is the Chief Executive Officer of Greater Seattle Partners - a public/private partnership created to advance economic growth and competitiveness for the Puget Sound region. There, he and his team focus on attracting new investment, promoting international trade and growing existing industry clusters in the Greater Seattle region. He is currently a non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution. Before GSP, Brian was the CEO of the Atlanta Beltline Inc., worked as a Principal with the global law firm Dentons, and served as the COO/Executive Vice President at the Metro Atlanta Chamber. He was also appointed to lead Atlanta's Development Authority - Invest Atlanta where he fiscally stabilized and rebranded the organization to be a catalyst for economic growth. In 2009 Brian was appointed by President Obama as U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce. In this capacity, he was the Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Brian became detailed to the White House as an Economic Advisor to lead the Economic Solutions Group within the National Incident Command in response to the BP oil spill. Brian also served as California's Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Commerce by the appointment of Governor Schwarzenegger. Earlier in his career, Brian was appointed as the Economic Development Agency Administrator for the County of San Bernardino and was a consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development where he developed economic growth programs for cities in Bulgaria and Serbia.