

Biography

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Dr. Lawrence is the Executive Director and Research Professor for the University of Houston's Texas Gulf Coast Small Business Development Center Network.

He has over 35 years of experience successfully creating, restructuring and leading client focused organizations, having held executive level positions as Division President/CEO, Senior VP, COO, Group Vice-President and Area Vice-President, for Pepsi Cola in Spain, Mexico, Western Europe, South America, Canada and the U.S. He also served as President and General Manager of Dell Computers in Brazil. Dr. Lawrence returned to the U. S., founding and operating a successful wine importing business for 10 years. He worked for UT school of Public Health and most recently he worked as Executive Director for a non-profit organization in the public health sector.

He holds a doctorate in Community Health Practice as well as an MPH from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, and an MBA from the University of Denver. He is a 5 year veteran of the U. S. Navy and he is bilingual in English/Spanish.

He was appointed to his current position with the UH SBDC Network on September 1st, 2017. The UH SBDC Network is comprised of 15 centers located throughout the 32 county region surrounding the Houston metropolitan area, with a focus on economic impact such job creation, business starts and expansions, and capital access for their clients.