



John Chaffee is the President/CEO of the NCEast Alliance, a regional economic development agency serving more than 1 million residents within several small metropolitan and micropolitan areas from the fringe of the Research Triangle to the Atlantic Coast.

Mr. Chaffee earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economic Geography with a specialization in industrial location and regional economics. He began his career of economic development in eastern North Carolina (1977) and was selected as executive director of the Pitt County Economic Development Commission in 1983. In January 2006, he retired from that post to become director of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center's Eastern Regional Office in Greenville with the mission to facilitate capacity

building for life sciences in eastern North Carolina. He was named CEO of North Carolina's Eastern Region in April, 2009, which was recently succeeded by the NCEast Alliance. He counts among his successes the establishment of the first corporate park in the east, development of robust partnerships, strategies to recruit Japanese companies, and collaborative efforts to encourage the emergence of a life science R&D-based cluster in the Greenville Metro area.

Mr. Chaffee's accolades include being named to the list of "Outstanding Young Men in America" by the Jaycees and "Outstanding Young Leader in Geo-Economics" by Site Selection Handbook. He has served as a member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board and as a board member for the North Carolina Biotechnology Center. He currently serves on the State Advisory Board of the North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center and the NCSU Industrial Extension Service Advisory Board as well as the Advisory Committees for the ECU Departments of Biology and Engineering. His articles on economic development have been published in professional journals and the German newspaper, *Handelsblatt*.

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