

Gregg Gothreaux
**President and CEO of Lafayette Economic Development
Authority**

Since 1980, Gregg Gothreaux has focused on improving the quality of life for the citizens of Louisiana.

A Louisiana native, Gregg received his BS degree from LSU in 1980. He went on to become a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma and the Community Development Institute at the University of Central Arkansas. Gregg is also a graduate of Leadership Lafayette V and Leadership Louisiana.

Gregg began his career as an economic developer with Gulf States Utilities in Lake Charles. Developing a niche for business growth and expansion, he was very successful guiding SWLA “Team City” communities. In 1992, *Site Selection and Industrial Development Magazine* selected GSU’s business development group as one of the top ten economic development groups in the United States.

In July 1995, Gregg was appointed President and CEO of the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. Since his appointment, he has contributed substantially to the economic growth and stability of Lafayette. Gregg received the 2004 Richard E. Baudoin, Jr. Award from the *Times* Business Hall of Fame, which is awarded to an individual who has had an indirect impact on the business industry in Acadiana, though is not necessarily a business owner or entrepreneur. He was named the 2002 Economic Development Partner of the Year by The New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce. Gregg serves as a member of the Louisiana Economic Development Council, where he was the 2002-2003 Vice Chair and member of the Executive Committee. He is also a member of the Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission and has served on Governors Blanco and Foster’s Economic Development Transition Teams. He was recently awarded the Lafayette Rotary 2004 Public Service Vocational Award and also served as the Vice-President of Finance for the Evangeline Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Also of significance is Gregg’s service as the 2001 President of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association. LEDA and Lafayette enjoyed their greatest economic development year in 2006 with the creation and implementation of Lafayette’s first TIF district and bonds for the Stirling Properties development; the grand opening of the new LITE facility, which boasts one of the world’s most powerful supercomputers and superior visualization venues; and with the announcement of the largest business location in the history of Lafayette - the 1,000-job NuComm International project.

Gregg and his wife, Alisa, enjoy their job as parents to son, Conner Thomas, and daughter, Eliza Grace. In addition to his hard work throughout the community, Gregg is proud to be recognized as a certified Louisiana Master Gardener.

Gregg's qualifications, which include extensive professional training, membership in a variety of organizations and involvement in many civic and community groups are as follows:

Education /Professional Training and Certifications

- Welsh High School graduate
- Bachelor of Science degree, Louisiana State University (1980)
- Graduate of Leadership Lafayette V
- Graduate of Leadership Louisiana (1997)
- Basic Industrial Development Course, Texas A&M
- Graduate, Economic Development Institute, University of Oklahoma
- Graduate, Community Development Institute, University of Central Arkansas
- Professional Community Developer Certification, Community Development Council
- Certified Louisiana Master Gardener
- Southern Leaders for the 21st Century Leadership Forum

Professional Organizations

- Member, Louisiana Economic Development Council
- Member, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association
- Member, Southern Economic Development Council
- Member, International Economic Development Council
- Member, International Council of Shopping Centers
- Board Member and Secretary, Acadiana Economic Development Council
- Member, Council for A Better Louisiana
- Member, Lafayette Transportation Technical Committee

Community Organizations and Involvement

- Member, Lafayette Metropolitan Expressway Commission
- Member of Governor Blanco Economic Development Transition Team
- Board Member, Kiwanis of Lafayette
- Member, LSU Extension Service Southwest Louisiana Advisory Board

Former Roles

- 2002-03 Vice Chair and Executive Committee, Louisiana Economic Development Council
- 2001 President, Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association
- Chairman, LINC Economic Development Subcommittee
- Board of Directors, Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce
- Board of Directors, Lafayette Public Library Foundation
- Board of Directors, Find Work Advisory Board

- Board of Directors, Junior Achievement
- Board of Directors, Festival International
- President, Kiwanis of Lafayette
- LCEE Executive Board
- Board of Directors, Acadian Chapter American Heart Association
- Governor Foster Economic Development Transition Team
- Board of Directors, International Trade Development Group
- Evangeline Area Boy Scouts Council, Friends of Scouting Campaign Chair
- Heartwalk Chair
- Co-founder of Network of Business Leaders (NOBL)