

Frank H. Beal

Frank H. Beal is executive director of Chicago Metropolis 2020. He previously worked at Inland Steel Industries from 1981 to 2000, serving in many different capacities. He was president and chief executive officer of Ryerson/West, a metals distribution company owned by Inland Steel Industries. He also was general manager of corporate planning and development; president of Ryerson International, an operating unit of Inland Steel Industries and general manager of purchasing for Inland Steel Company.

Prior to joining Inland, Mr. Beal was director of the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources and a special assistant for energy and environmental affairs for Governor James Thompson. Previously, under Governor Richard Ogilvie, Mr. Beal served as the state's first deputy director of the Institute for Environmental Quality, which conducts research on energy, natural resources, and environmental issues for the state. As a former employee of the American Planning Association, he has edited and published several books, articles and research reports on urban affairs and land use planning.

Mr. Beal serves on the Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, a public interest law and policy center dedicated to social justice issues, and was appointed by Mayor Daley to serve on the board of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Beal graduated from the University of Illinois with a master's degree in urban planning.

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