**ROBERT STURNS, EDFP**

*Director, Economic Development*

City of Fort Worth

Robert Sturns has more than 25 years of experience holding leadership roles in municipal government, commercial real estate, and banking operations, with the last 20 years negotiating terms and structuring deals for economic and community development programs in Texas. As a certified Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP), Mr. Sturns has received numerous awards and accolades for creative and successful business recruitment/retention and minority-owned business development efforts. By leveraging partnerships with public and private entities, he has been directly engaged in the announcement of over $4.0 billion in new capital investment and 30,000 jobs.

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In his current role, he is responsible for the economic development program for the City of Fort Worth, including business attraction & retention, community revitalization, and small business/entrepreneurship development. Mr. Sturns received a commission as an Officer in the United States Army Reserve where he served for 10 years and reached the rank of Captain. He is an alumnus of the ULI Real Estate Associate Program and the Harvard Kennedy School Leading Economic Growth Program. Mr. Sturns holds a Master of Business Administration from Texas Christian University and a Bachelor of Arts from Stephen F. Austin State University.