

Ford is the executive director of the Business Development Corporation (BDC) of the Northern Panhandle, the economic development agency for Brooke and Hancock counties.

Ford has almost 30 years of experience in economic and community development and worked as a development executive in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and Florida.



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Recently, he was recognized by Wall Street Journal for closing the “Deal of the Week,” a public-private partnership whereby the BDC acquired the former Wheeling Corrugating plant in Beech Bottom, W.Va.

Ford holds both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in urban planning from the University of Virginia and is a graduate of Leadership West Virginia.

He also was selected as a “Top Entrepreneur in West Virginia” by the West Virginia State Journal.

Ford was an instructor in leadership at West Virginia Governor’s Honors Academy and has lectured on leadership and team-building at the Kalon Scholar Program (Bethany College), Leadership Fayette County and the Pittsburgh Neighborhood Academy.

As an appointee of Gov. Tomblin, Ford also represents the northern district of West Virginia on the West Virginia Public Port Authority Board. Additionally, he serves on the boards of the Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center, the Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Planning and Development Council and the West Liberty Research Corporation Board of Directors.