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Jeff Edwards
Chairman, CEO & President, Installed Building Products and Edwards Companies
Jeffrey Edwards serves as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Installed Building Products, as well as President of Edwards Companies.

Installed Building Products, Inc. is one of the nation's largest new residential insulation installers and is a diversified installer of complimentary building products. The Company manages all aspects of the installation process for its customers, including direct purchases of materials from national manufacturers, supply of materials to job sites and quality installation. The Company offers its portfolio of services to new and existing single-family, and multi-family residential, as well as commercial building projects from its national network of branch locations.

Edwards Companies is a privately held conglomerate operating primarily in the real estate development and construction related fields in many parts of the United States.

Edwards is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing.



Greg Davies
CEO, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation
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Greg Davies took over as CEO of the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation and Capitol South in June 2021. He has over 20 years of experience working for the City of Columbus, where he served as Chief of Staff for Mayor Andrew Ginther and held multiple roles for Mayor Michael Coleman, including Director of the Public Utilities Department, Deputy Director of the Development Department and Deputy Chief of Staff.

Prior to his appointment as CEO for the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation and Capitol South, Davies served as Vice President of Planning and Development for The Columbus Partnership. In this role, he was the point person for the business community on several critical issues, including affordable housing, while serving as the liaison with the City of Columbus for key projects like The Peninsula and Ohio State University's Innovation District.



Michael Coleman
Former Mayor of Columbus, Partner and Director of Business & Government Strategies, Ice Miller, and Board Chairman. Columbus Downtown Development Corporation
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Michael B. Coleman is a partner in Ice Miller's Public Affairs and Government Law Group and he also participates in the Internet of Things and Real Estate Development Groups. He also serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation

Coleman served as Mayor of Columbus from 2000 to 2015. As Mayor, Coleman led a city of 825,000 residents and 9,000 employees and was responsible for managing all financial, budgetary and economic development matters and sourcing of private investments in support of urban development initiatives.

Prior to his term as Mayor, he was a partner with the law firm of Schotzenstein Zox & Dunn LLP, was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, and served on Columbus City Council.

Coleman received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Cincinnati and his Juris Doctor from the University of Dayton Law School.



Jessica Ralston
Anchor, Good Day Columbus, WSYX ABC 6
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Jessica Ralston got her start in news as a Producer at WFMI-TV21 in Youngstown. Then she moved on to Clarksburg, West Virginia where she worked as an evening Anchor/Reporter/Producer at WDTV, Newschannel 5. After that, she spent 10 years in Charleston, West Virginia at WSAZ TV-3, as Reporter/Anchor and then Evening Anchor. She then went to Nashville's WTVF Newschannel 5, where she anchored the evening newscasts and hosted a show called "Openline". She returned to Ohio in 2016 to serve as Anchor of Good Day Columbus at WSYX ABC 6.

Ralston earned her Bachelor's Degree from Youngstown State University. She has won 5 Emmy awards and earned 16 Emmy nominations for Anchor, Breaking News, and Team Coverage.

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Forum podcasts can also be heard on the CMC website or via your favorite podcast app.

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CTV, Columbus Television, airs CMC Forums on Spectrum Channel 1024, WOW Channel 3, and AT&T Channel 99. You can also watch CTV over the air on WCIZ Channel 22.4.

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Featuring Kirt Walker, CEO, Nationwide, and Adam J. Sharp, Executive Vice President, The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, with host Colleen Marshall, Anchor, NBC4.

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Featuring Kyle Kondik, Managing Editor, Sabato's Crystal Ball, and Director of Communications, University of Virginia Center for Politics, and Catherine Turcer, Executive Director, Common Cause Ohio, with host Mike Thompson, Chief Content Director, News and Public Affairs, WOSU Public Media.

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