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Michael M. Edwards is the President & CEO of Chicago Loop Alliance. Since joining Chicago Loop Alliance in 2012, President and CEO Michael M. Edwards has been directing the organization's strategic plan to deliver a high-performing urban experience attractive people and investment to the Loop. Edwards is a founding member of the Global Business District Innovation Club, a group formed in 2018 and located in Paris, France, as well as a member of the International Downtown Association Board of Directors.

His experience also includes six years as President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, where he administered the City's business improvement district, advocating for businesses and property owners and marketing downtown as the region's premier location to live, work, shop, dine, play and visit.

For seven years, he was also responsible for overseeing advocacy and comprehensive service programs for Spokane's central 80-block business improvement district as President and CEO of the Downtown Spokane Partnership. He has also served as Principal of The Saratoga Associates and Executive Director of the Buffalo Place, Inc., in Buffalo, New York.

Michael is a recognized expert in downtown management and frequently speaks internationally on key downtown opportunities and challenges most recently at the CBD Beijing Innovation Development Conference. Originally from Buffalo, he holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and Bachelor of Arts from Canisius College.