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Sean joined the CFDC in 2015, bringing a strong background in forging partnerships and advancing innovation. Prior to this role, he served as Director of Industry Partnerships at Florida Polytechnic University, where he built collaborative alliances with leading companies in the research, technology, and engineering sectors.

Over the course of his career, Sean has led economic and business development initiatives with organizations such as Enterprise Florida and the Pasco Economic Development Council, playing a pivotal role in the successful recruitment and expansion of a diverse range of companies across Florida. His experience also includes time in the private sector with Outsource Partners International, a global finance and accounting outsourcing firm, and as a real estate consultant with Keller Williams Realty.

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