



Linda Fowler, Special Consultant to TPMA

Linda Fowler is Founder and President of Regionerate, a nationwide consulting service dedicated to regional collaboration and innovation, civic networking, technology acceleration and economic development. She is currently consulting with many regions across the country on establishing networks to address workforce development, economic development, education transformation, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Linda is providing technical assistance to 9 states as part of a Gates Foundation grant focused on creating energy career pathways for young adults. She is coordinating a national network of community college leaders focused on auto community recovery strategies. Over the last few months, Linda has directed a Commerce Department pilot to support the market diversification efforts of small manufacturers in NE Ohio and the Milwaukee 7 region. Regionerate partnered with Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI) and the Institute for Open Networks to conduct a comprehensive analysis of occupational competencies for high growth industries and high demand occupations in the region.

Until recently, Linda was the Senior Advisor with the National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a Department of Commerce program focused on strengthening the competitiveness of small and mid-sized manufacturers in the United States. In this role, Linda collaborated with the private sector to build and test a process to achieve technology translation that leads to successful technology transfer and deployment and collaborated on the development of a virtual Innovation Marketplace and a Technology Acceleration System. She also led the workforce strategy for MEP.

From 2005 to 2007, Linda was on a detail with the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA) where she directed many of the activities for the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative, including Strategic Partnerships and Sector-Focused Communities of Practice.

As a management consultant for Restructuring Associates, Inc, Linda advised Fortune 100 companies on the design and implementation of organizational and technological change, human resource development, and labor-management cooperation.

Linda began her career in the auto industry as a project engineer for General Motors Corporation in Flint, Michigan. Linda completed her graduate work in Public Administration and Industrial and Labor Relations at the University of Michigan.