



Julie Johns-Cole

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Professional Qualifications

Julie Johns-Cole joined Thomas P. Miller and Associates in 2011. Julie has worked with local, state and federal government and economic development leaders on a variety of development efforts. Prior to joining TPMA, she was a member of the executive committee serving as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Region 3 Regional Workforce Board serving Fort Wayne and the northeast Indiana region. At TPMA, Julie serves clients to leverage existing assets, utilize economic and community development tools, and assist in establishing collaborative efforts that position an organization to realize their greatest potential.

Prior Experience

- Economic Development & Planning Director, City of Angola, IN 2004-2011
- Restaurateur, Greek's Pizzeria and Pizza Forum, Since 2000
- Industrial Hygienist, Keter Consultants, Willow Springs, IL 1999-2000

Selected Work Experience

- Successfully collaborated with federal, state, and local government officials as well as private sector business leaders to secure over \$2.9 million for downtown redevelopment projects.
- Worked directly with both the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and the Steuben County Economic Development Corporation for business attraction, retention and expansion projects resulting in attracting nearly 400 new jobs and over \$24 million in new investment in Angola, Indiana.
- Completed a new Unified Development Ordinance, new zoning map, housing study, and downtown redevelopment master plan.
- Presented at the 2010 Annual OKI Regional Planning Conference as well as the Annual 2010 Indiana Main Street Conference, both held in Indianapolis.
- Successful in establishing Economic Revitalization Areas, Economic Development Target Areas, Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts and Economic Improvement Districts (EID) and has presided over annexation proceedings.
- Provided field supervision for industrial, transportation and commercial construction, demolition and environmental remediation projects.
- Conducted industrial hygiene surveys, chemical and health and safety audits for national and global steel manufacturing, industrial manufacturing, power-generating clients and real estate management firms.

Recognition and Certificates

- 2008 Business Professional of the Year by the Angola Area Chamber of Commerce
- 2011 Economic Development Finance Professional Certification
- 2011 INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) Local Public Agency (LPA) Project Development Procedures

Education

- 2009 Graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute
- 2002 Master of Public Affairs, Indiana University-Fort Wayne
- 1998 Bachelors, Natural Resources & Environmental Management, Ball State University