

GARY SERA

Agency Director

Gary Sera has served as Agency Director for the Texas Engineering Extension Service since December 2007. Prior to that, Sera was the agency's interim director beginning in March 2007 and has more than 17 years of service to the agency. He served as the agency's Director of Technology and Economic Development (TED) before being named Interim Director. The division conducts training, technical assistance and technology transfer with a focus on economic development, information technology, manufacturing, technology commercialization and emergency response planning.

Before becoming a division director, Sera served the agency as a program manager with the Technology Business Development Division. In this role, he established and managed the Technical Assistance Program, which focused on the delivery of technical assistance to the state using faculty and students. He also served as an energy training specialist for the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

Sera has served as chairman of the Executive Council for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC), which is primarily sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce with a mission to serve the manufacturers in the state of Texas. Sera also served as director of the Mid-Continent Technology Transfer Center, a NASA-sponsored center focused on the delivery of technology commercialization services in a 12-state region.

In 1992, he established a Graduate Assistance Program at TEEEX that used MBA students from the Texas A&M College of Business to perform contract work with NASA, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the private sector. Sera also helped the Vice President of Research at Texas A&M University develop and establish the Texas A&M Technology Commercialization Center, which eventually evolved into the present-day Office of Technology Commercialization.

Sera earned a master's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Arizona and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from California State University. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Professional History

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Education

Master of Industrial Engineering (University of Arizona)
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