

Brian Vogt

Brian Vogt has been CEO of Denver Botanic Gardens since April 2007. Nearly 30 years of community leadership, fundraising, organizational management and cultural development proved invaluable during the Gardens' recent capital campaign and the creation of a Master Development Plan. More than 50 construction projects and over \$65 million worth of investments were made to build Mordecai Children's Garden, a parking complex, the Bonfils-Stanton Visitor Center, Greenhouse Complex and most recently the Science Pyramid, Ellipse garden and Hive Garden Bistro. Vogt served in three Cabinet positions for the State of Colorado from 2004 through January 2007, including Director of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT). In these positions, he oversaw a wide range of economic development activities, including domestic and international business development, small business programs, as well as the Colorado Tourism Office, Colorado Council on the Arts and the Colorado Economic Development Commission. He supported the creation of over 30,000 new jobs in Colorado. He also led a statewide branding initiative, worked with the State Legislature to pass a historic economic development legislation in 2006, created the Advance Colorado Center and built a statewide communications system. Vogt also served as a member of the Governor's Commission on Science and Technology, the Governor's designee on the Colorado Economic Development Commission and the Financial Review Committee. Simultaneous to his role as Director of OEDIT, he served for over a year as the acting Secretary of Technology and as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Additionally, Vogt was a member of the Governor's Homeland Security and All-Hazards Senior Advisory Committee. Vogt is on the Board of the American Public Gardens Association and Plant Select. He also served on boards of the Alliance for Quality Teaching and the Greater Littleton Youth Initiative, which he co-founded. Other civic involvement ranges from serving on the Board of Littleton Hospital to the founding and co-leading of the Haunts of Littleton Ghost Tours. He served on the Denver Foundation's Arts and Culture Committee and managed the incorporation movement to create the City of Centennial. Brian is a second-generation Colorado native and holds a BA degree in Classical Antiquity from the University of Colorado. **Prior to working for the State, Brian spent 14 years as the President of the South Metro Chamber of Commerce and four years prior as its Vice President for Economic Development.**