

William R. Sweeney Jr.

wrsweeney@outlook.com

202.294.2233

My career is leading and managing efforts and people to affect public and business decisions from three distinct sectors: not for profit, business and political party. I have been engaged in projects in over 50 countries and almost every state in the United States.

President, Chief Executive Officer, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

June 2009 – November, 2018

IFES is the global leader in providing technical assistance to election management bodies. Since 1987, IFES has worked in 145 countries. I led a team of over 400 people in an average of 30 countries engaged in the development of a democratic tradition.

Vice President, Global Government Affairs, EDS

January 2000 – March 2009

Electronic Data Systems (EDS) was a Fortune 100 information technology services company founded by H. Ross Perot in 1962. EDS was acquired by Hewlett Packard in September 2008. I joined the company in April 1991 to direct congressional affairs. In 1994, duties expanded to include work with the diplomatic community, and, in January 2000, I became Vice President for Global Government Affairs. The role included directing the Washington office; managing lobbyists for business interests in 27 states and offices in Brussels, Hong Kong, and London.

Executive Director, Government Affairs, EDS

January 1995 – December 1999

Director, Government Affairs, EDS

April 1991 – December 1994

President, Washington, Resources & Strategy, Inc.

April 1985 – March 1991

The firm provided consulting services to associations, business, embassies and political causes. I closed the firm in 1991 to join EDS.

Deputy Chairman, Democratic National Committee

February 1981 – March 1985

Responsibilities included managing congressional relations; managing the 1982 Philadelphia Mid Term Party Conference; and construction of the Democratic Party headquarters.

Executive Director, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee

July 1977 – January 1981

The DCCC is the party committee responsible for electing and re-electing a Democratic majority to the U.S. House of Representatives. Roles included candidate recruitment, campaign training and finance.

Honors:

- Order of the British Empire, June 2009
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), Isaac Hall Medal, 2007
- EDS Leaders Inner Circle, 1998
- Alumni and teaching awards from the American University for founding and directing the Campaign Management Institute in 1981 as well as assisting with the Public Advocacy Institute.
- Honoree Member, Association of European Election Officials, 2018
- Legacy Award, IFES, September, 2018

Board memberships:

- American University Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies;
- Atlantic Pacific Exchange Program;
- British American Business Council;
- EDS Foundation;
- European American Business Council;
- Fund for American Studies;
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems; Chair
- Information Technology Association of America;
- National Foreign Trade Council;
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center; Chair
- US Council on International Business;
- US – New Zealand Business Council;
- US State Department Advisory Committee in International Telecommunications

Volunteer:

The Joint Congressional Committee on the Inaugural Ceremony (JCCIC) is the body responsible for the Inaugural Ceremony of the President of the United States. I had event and management responsibilities for the seven Inaugurations of Presidents Bush (41), Clinton, Bush (43) and Obama between 1989 and 2013.

Education:

American University, B.A., 1973