

Marc Cummings Full Bio:

As President & CEO of Life Science Washington (LSW), Marc leads Washington's statewide trade association representing the state's life science industry, which includes biotech and medical device companies, non-profit research institutes, innovative start-up companies, as well as a range of highly specialized service providers to the industry. Marc sets the strategic direction, guides policy priorities, and directs business operations to ensure Life Science Washington's over 500 members have the talent, investment, and partners needed to sustain the industry's robust growth and maintain Washington state's reputation as one of the top life science clusters in the nation.

Marc also serves as the Chair of the Life Science Washington Institute, which is an affiliated non-profit that is focused on supporting life science entrepreneurs and growing start-up companies in Washington.

Marc brings a unique combination of statewide leadership, government relations expertise, and trade association experience to his role as President & CEO. He has more than 20 years of policy experience at both the federal and state level supporting the growth of high-tech industries and creating innovative, public-private partnerships.

At the state level, Marc co-chaired the Washington Clean Energy Leadership Council and served on the Life Science & Global Health Advisory Council and as Interim Executive Director of the Washington State Economic Development Commission. He has also served on a number of statewide trade association boards, including Washington Technology Industry Association (WTIA) and the Washington Clean Technology Alliance (WCTA).

Prior to joining Life Science Washington, he served as Director of Policy & External Affairs for Pacific Northwest National Labs (PNNL), which is operated by Battelle for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). While at PNNL, Marc was actively involved in creating and advocating for several statewide bioscience initiatives including the Life Sciences Discovery Fund and a new State-Federal bioproducts and biofuels research center at WSU Tri-cities. Due to Battelle's philanthropic focus on math & science education, he was also deeply involved in a range of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education partnerships and science education initiatives.

He holds a Master of Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Puget Sound.