

Mr. William (Bill) J. Jabjiniak
Director of Economic Development
City of Mesa



Bill Jabjiniak has served as the City of Mesa’s Economic Development Director since October 2007. He has more than 30 years of results-driven vision and leadership in revitalization strategies, public/private partnership opportunities, project financing and business recruitment.

Mr. Jabjiniak leads a team of 14 professionals focused on business attraction, retention and expansion, entrepreneurship, redevelopment, and revitalization for Mesa. Jabjiniak’s mission is to grow the local economy, primarily through the strategic expansion of Mesa’s industries of opportunity – Healthcare, Education, Aerospace and Tourism/Technology (HEAT).

Since Jabjiniak took the helm, the Office of Economic Development has assisted in creating and retaining more than 23,000 jobs, successfully landing more than 320 projects and generating \$5.8 billion of capital investment to Mesa. Notable projects include attracting five new higher education institutions, Apple, Boeing, AQST Space Systems, AT&T, CyrusOne, Dexcom, EdgeCore, Digital Realty, Santander Consumer USA, Waymo, CMC Steel, Cessna Aviation, Able Engineering/Textron Aviation, Constant Aviation, Niagara Bottling, and Crescent Crown Distributing. His office was responsible for leading the adaptive reuse of the Air Force Research Laboratory, converting it to the Arizona Laboratories for Security and Defense (AZLabs) – a cyber security, aerospace and defense center of excellence – all while maintaining the high security protocols. His team was also responsible for retaining the Chicago Cubs and Oakland A’s spring training operations, MD Helicopters’ corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility, and expanding Banner Health’s Desert Medical Center and Cardon Children’s Medical Center.

Moreover, under Jabjiniak’s leadership, his team has successfully implemented an entrepreneurship program which includes LAUNCHPOINT, Mesa’s Technology Accelerator. Other accomplishments include the creation of the Elliot Road Technology Corridor which has everything high-tech manufacturers need, including a streamlined entitlement process, plenty of power and infrastructure and creating the East, West, and Southwest Mesa Redevelopment Areas (RDA).

Jabjiniak and his team have received many prestigious awards and recognitions over the years. In 2017, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) recognized Mesa’s Office of Economic Development as one of the first 60 Accredited Economic Development Organizations (AEDO) in North America.

Prior to joining the City of Mesa, Jabjiniak served as Director of Economic Development for the City of Richmond, Virginia as well as the Destination Manchester Coordinator in the Office of the Mayor for the City of Manchester, NH.

Jabjiniak received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Franklin Pierce University and holds both a Master of Science in Community Economic Development and a Master of Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University. His professional affiliations include the Arizona Association for Economic Development (AAED), International Economic Development Council (IEDC), and International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). In addition, he serves on the Accredited Economic Development Organization Committee of the IEDC, as a Mesa Chamber of Commerce board member, and is the former chair of the Mountain Vista Medical Center Advisory Board.