



CELESTE FRYE, AICP

Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Public Works Partners, LLC

A public service leader who specializes in planning and implementing multi-stakeholder initiatives and building strong connections across the government, nonprofit, and private sectors

Expertise

- Leads a WBE/DBE/SBE certified planning and consulting firm rooted in New York City
- More than two decades of experience helping to cultivate healthy communities and organizations
- Specializes in developing programs grounded in data analysis, management practices, and financial sustainability
- Launched large-scale business-based hiring and training initiatives for the NYC Department of Small Business Services
- Former Senior Analyst at NYC Office of Management and Budget

Affiliations & Awards

- Member, Connecticut Committee, Regional Plan Association
- Member, Alumni Advisory Board, Coro New York Leadership Center
- 2019 Above & Beyond in Real Estate, City & State
- 2018 Notable Women in Accounting and Consulting, Crain's New York
- Guest lecturer with Cornell College of Art, Architecture, and Planning

Education

- M.S. in Regional Planning, Cornell University
- B.A. in International Studies & French, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Graduate of Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Small Businesses

Representative Speaking Topics

- Community Health
 - Public engagement
 - Local hiring
 - Economic development
- Organizational Health
 - Business planning
 - Organizational design
 - Financial management
- Entrepreneurship
 - Founding a firm
 - Elements of a successful small firm