

# Speaker Bio | Dr. Stephen Moret

During his career, Moret has crafted public-private partnerships and higher education-workforce development programs that have enabled thousands to secure better jobs. He previously served as president and CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), where he led Virginia's successful state-and-local team bid for Amazon's HQ2. At VEDP, Moret collaborated with university presidents and state leaders to envision, design, and implement Virginia's \$1.1-billion Tech Talent Investment Program to double the number of degrees in computer science conferred each year and created the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus. Moret served as secretary of Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and created two of the top-ranked

state workforce development programs in the country: LED FastStart and the Virginia Talent Accelerator Program. He earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania, where his research focused on the links between higher education and the labor market. Moret recently served as a member of the Harvard University Skills and Employability Task Force.