

# Innovation + Integration

A summit on the Economic Impact of Linking Jobs, Housing & Transportation Planning

## Speaker Bio

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Mr. Gates (53) is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PortaeCo, a private investment company. In addition, he devotes approximately half of his professional time to a variety of not-for-profit organizations.

Prior to forming PortaeCo, Mr. Gates co-founded CenterPoint Properties Trust and served as Co-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for the past 22 years. During that period, CenterPoint became the largest private property owner/developer in the Metropolitan Chicago Region, as well as the Nation's first publicly traded Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust (NYSE: CNT). Currently, CenterPoint has ownership interests in approximately 45 million square feet of buildings and 3,000 acres of land. In March 2006, the Company was acquired by the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS) and Jones Lang LaSalle for approximately \$3.5 billion.

Mr. Gates graduated from Groton School in 1972 and from Trinity College in 1976 with a BSc in Economics and Philosophy. He began his career, as an Assistant to Governor James R. Thompson of Illinois. In 1979, he joined CB/Richard Ellis, and in 1981, co-founded the Chicago office of Jones Lang Wootton (now Jones Lang LaSalle), a global commercial property investment firm.

Mr. Gates is a Director of the Davis Funds, a \$30 billion mutual fund group, and Dividend Capital Trust, a \$3 billion Industrial REIT. He is a member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Public Policy Committee and a Trustee of Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago. He also is a member of the Executive Committee as well as past Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Council of Chicago (MPC), and recently ended a four year term as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT). In addition, he is a Trustee of the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, the Charter School Foundation of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin Center for Urban Land Economics, the Eaglebrook School and the Salisbury School. He is active in the Commercial Club of Chicago, Economics Club of Chicago, Illinois Business Roundtable, World Presidents Organization, Urban Land Institute, National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), and the Real Estate Roundtable.

Mr. Gates has been the recipient of numerous awards including the 2005 Lifetime Award for Excellence by the NAIOP. In addition, he was named "Outstanding REIT CEO" for the six consecutive years prior to the sale of CenterPoint by Realty Stock Review in their annual survey of institutional investors.

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