



Overview:

Anthony Capece is the 21 year Executive Director for the Central District Management Association, Inc, in Albany, New York. The CDMA, Inc is also known as the Central BID, by its size is one of the country's largest physical Business Improvement Districts. It's a district that exceeds three miles of retail, residential & commercial properties with an assessed value over 230 million dollars, up from 160 million in 1998 when the BID was formed. The BID area was once a disinvested business district with over 100 vacant buildings, now has seen a remarkable revival and consists of over 400 businesses & nearly 80 places to eat and 18 nationals represented on its international foods. Prior to the Albany BID, Anthony was Director of the Canandaigua, NY BID for 5 years.

Anthony has served as a member of Executive Board of the Northeastern Economic Developers Association (NEDA), He has served as chairman of the Workforce Development Institute of Hudson Valley Community College and is still active on the board. He is a founding partner of the Albany LEAD program and Anthony serves as a member of the board of trustees of Northeast Public Radio and helped to found the start-up regional Capital Carshare- a startup alternative transportation organization.

Detail others:

Anthony has spearheaded Albany's Community engagement with business and local college students. Anthony noticed how students had little or no experience within the local business community even after 4 years of college. Anthony sought out to Innovate such efforts as "All Around Albany" a student meet and greet with local businesses. What started as a small event with a few tables at the downtown Albany Campus, became a full-on part of the Student Orientation program. Filling a Hotel ballroom with interactive displays, games, and food, the students become immersed in an "Albany Experience" that they can carry out the next four years and beyond.

Anthony has been leading an effort with the support of many community partners in the transforming of a former vacant school building into one of the area's first Innovation centers called the STEAM Garden. The 32,000 square foot former Catholic school is being renovated into a first-class incubator space or a "SuperHUB" for startup tech companies, local businesses, social enterprise, and developers. Side by side with creative "makers" and even pod casters, the CBID will be host to a hub for small innovative companies to develop new technology and web-based businesses and other commerce entrepreneurs that will integrate into a diverse and international growing main street and inclusive neighborhood center.

With Anthony's leadership, the CBID has also created such programs as The Work readiness program, an effort to get local young often disadvantaged students employed in jobs right in their neighborhood. Working with SUNY Albany, Hudson Valley Community College and numerous other organizations in the community seeking out young people and connecting them with businesses and matching them with their needs and providing training to make the students real life "work ready" for business and now into their own businesses..

Partnering with the Small Business Development Center in Albany, Anthony has helped establish the SEED (Small Enterprise Economic Development) program by securing the first round of funding and getting the program off the ground with several of the businesses located within the core of the Central Business district.

Anthony is often called upon as an expert by businesses and membership organizations to speak on using Web & Cloud based technology tools and is an expert in GSuite and Google business products and he is sometime he is referred to as "Tech Tony" because of his twitter account @acapec1
