



Richard T. Anderson
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Richard T. Anderson is President of the New York Building Congress and a nationally recognized urban planner. An advocate of strategic infrastructure investment and economic development, he has dedicated his career to promoting the long-term growth of America's foremost urban centers, primarily New York City.

Over the past decade, Mr. Anderson has ushered in a period of unprecedented influence and growth for the New York Building Congress, a public policy organization in its 86th year of representing the design, construction and real estate community. The Building Congress is regarded as the place where leaders in all sectors of the industry -- architects, engineers, skilled labor unions, contractors, real estate managers and other professionals -- can meet to forge common alliances and act cooperatively to promote economic growth and sensible capital investment.

In his role as an expert in public policy and construction, Mr. Anderson's views on a range of issues are sought by public officials, agency leaders, business executives, the news media, good government groups and other organizations inside and outside of the building community.

Prior to the Building Congress, Mr. Anderson served as Executive Director of The Dallas Plan, a non-profit group formed to prepare a long-range capital improvements strategy for that city, and as President of the Regional Plan Association, the nation's oldest metropolitan planning organization serving the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut metropolitan region.

Mr. Anderson was the first elected President of the 30,000 member American Planning Association, a national group based in Washington, D.C., and served as Chairman of its College of Fellows. He is a founding member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a Director of the national ACE Mentor Program and the Salvadori Center and Director of the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors and a Trustee of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of New York City.

In recognition of his efforts to make New York City a better place to live and work, Mr. Anderson was awarded the 2001 George S. Lewis Award from the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, where he served as Public Director, and received a 1995 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The Building Congress Board of Directors presented him with a Distinguished Service Award in 2004 and he was elected to the National Academy of Construction in 2006.

A graduate of Rutgers University, Mr. Anderson earned a Master of Regional Planning degree from Cornell University and completed post-graduate doctoral studies in public administration at New York University.