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Former MDA president to work on economic development for Cornell

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SYRACUSE - Irwin Davis, former president and CEO of the Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York (MDA), is now a senior associate for economic development with Cornell University.

Davis stepped down as leader of the MDA earlier this year. His is now president and CEO of the Metropolitan Development Foundation, which serves as the funding arm for many MDA projects.

In his new role with Cornell, Davis will work with Pipeline 4 Progress, a regional initiative focused on work-force development. He will act as an adviser to the initiative's board and will be involved with internship and industry-oriented projects.

Davis will also provide input on building an entrepreneurial climate in the region.

Davis is a Cornell alumnus. He led the MDA for 32 years and was succeeded by the current president, Robert Simpson.

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