

Craig A. Kinley



BIO

Craig A. Kinley is the Founder of several startup companies focusing on consulting (Economic Development via WiProwess), education (Thin School) and craft beer/hospitality (Growler Haus). He developed the strategic plan(s) and execution of both e-Merge @ the Garage an Anderson, SC public/private incubator program focused on industry partners in Health Care, IT Intelligence, Education and Culinary Arts and Tri-County Technical College's INSPIRE LABs an entrepreneurial ecosystem program for local startup businesses. He currently serves as Program Manager for a NSF ART Grant awarded to Clemson University to Advance Translational Research. Mr. Kinley spent 20 years in Wireless Telecommunications as Senior VP of Engineering & Network Operations for a Sprint Affiliate. He can evaluate situations, focus on client engagement, and develop and deliver a suite of solutions at all organizational levels that improve effectiveness and efficiency.

Mr. Kinley graduated from DePaul University with a B.A. in Telecommunications Planning and Development and received his M.J. from Loyola School of Law in Business Law. He serves on several boards- Greenville County Workforce Development Board members (Youth Chair), is a Liberty Fellow- SC leadership program class of 2013 (in association with the Aspen Institute) and is the Congressional District 3 Commissioner- South Carolina Education Television & Spectrum Committee Chair (Yielded \$42mm for the State of South Carolina in Auction)