



## Christian Conroy

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**Christian Conroy** is the Director of the America's SBDC Leadership Institute. He has over twenty-five years of experience in SBDC leadership, management and oversight. From 1994-2018 he served in various capacities in the Pennsylvania SBDC network hosted by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, including eleven years as State Director. He has also served as Strategic Advisor to the Kentucky SBDC, hosted by the University of Kentucky. He has been the PI for more than \$98 million in grants and contracts.

Christian launched the America's SBDC Leadership Institute in 2018 to support the 62 SBDC networks across the nation with strategic planning, sustainability, and performance and operations. Christian provides customized consulting and training, and facilitates SBDC network leadership transitions and professional development.

Additionally, Christian has supported the development of the national network of America's SBDCs through serving on the Board of Directors and on the accreditation, legislative, marketing and other ASBDC committees. He has testified before both houses of Congress in support of bills to expand the SBDC program.

Christian has a master's degree in urban studies and non-profit management from the University of Pennsylvania, and undergraduate degrees in economics and psychology from the University of New York at Albany.