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Mr. Arnett is the lead partner for the Economy Development group of services, one of three within the Franklin Development Group. The Franklin Group, and its predecessor GSFA Consulting, has provided strategic communications, real estate and community development solutions for over 15 years to clients in New England, and in many states including Texas and California.

Prior to joining the Franklin Group, Mr. Arnett served for eight years under three Governors as the Director of Economic Development for the State of New Hampshire. As Director of Economic Development, Mr. Arnett was responsible for two Centers: the New Hampshire Business Resource Center in Concord, and the International Trade Resource Center in Portsmouth.

Mr. Arnett also oversaw field services with the University of New Hampshire Industrial Research Center, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Small Business Development Center and the University of Southern New Hampshire for International Training. Mr. Arnett was a founding member of the successful Homeland Security prototype coalition “*Operation Safe Commerce*” as the Governor’s designee. He was Head-of-Mission for Celtic and China trade missions.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Arnett was director of development for the City of Claremont. During his tenure, the city’s Development Authority’s net worth grew by more than 400% while the city’s tax rate dropped for seven consecutive years. The city’s activities gained attention in national media including *The Wall Street Journal* and the CBS’s *48 Hours*.

Mr. Arnett holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration.