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Darlene has over 32 years of experience in the public and private sector including 18 years with employer associations.

During the past 32 years, Darlene has helped companies with employment and workforce development needs, economic development initiatives, regulatory, and compliance issues, technical information, networking services, management systems and more. She has been an active legislative advocate and is a member of the Pennsylvania Legislative Alliance and the National Association of Manufacturers President's Council, representing her member company interests.

From the Pennsylvania State University, Darlene received her BA. in Social Welfare. Over the years, Darlene has served on local, regional and state boards in Pennsylvania as well as national boards and committees.

During the period between 1985 to 1991, she was the executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of Schuylkill County and the Manufacturers Association of Mid-Eastern Penna. Relocating to Tampa, Florida in 1991, Darlene started the Association in Tampa and served as President 'til her return to Pennsylvania in mid 1993. In November 1998, Darlene resumed her position as Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of Mid-Eastern Penna until 2000 when she received a promotion to President, and oversaw the association's name change to the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers & Employers Association in September of 2004. Darlene has been a strong advocate of workforce development in the Northeast PA region. Since its inception in 2006, the Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council under the leadership of Darlene has been dedicated to providing workforce development initiatives and to partnering with entities dedicated to business, education, and community. The Council is the 501 c (3) non-profit affiliate of the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association founded in 1963. Darlene continues to serve as President for the Association and Council.